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Sutherland Shire (light shirts) confirmed their NSW State League semi-final place with a 1-0 win over North Shore at Seymour Shaw Park. Photo: STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

Adelaide Hellas in upset

SA Champion Adelaide Hellas kept alive their NSL play-off hopes yesterday by beating Heidelberg 1-0 at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The Victorian aces, who had beaten Hellas 4-1 only days earlier, never looked likely to repeat the dose.

Adelaide Hellas

BY ALAN CLARK

have six points, Heidelberg 2 and Brisbane Lions 0, leaving the outcome to the games between the latter clubs in Brisbane and Melbourne on Wednesday and Sunday.

Heidelberg seemed intent on holding Hellas and securing a point to take on its final play-off matches

against Brisbane Lions.

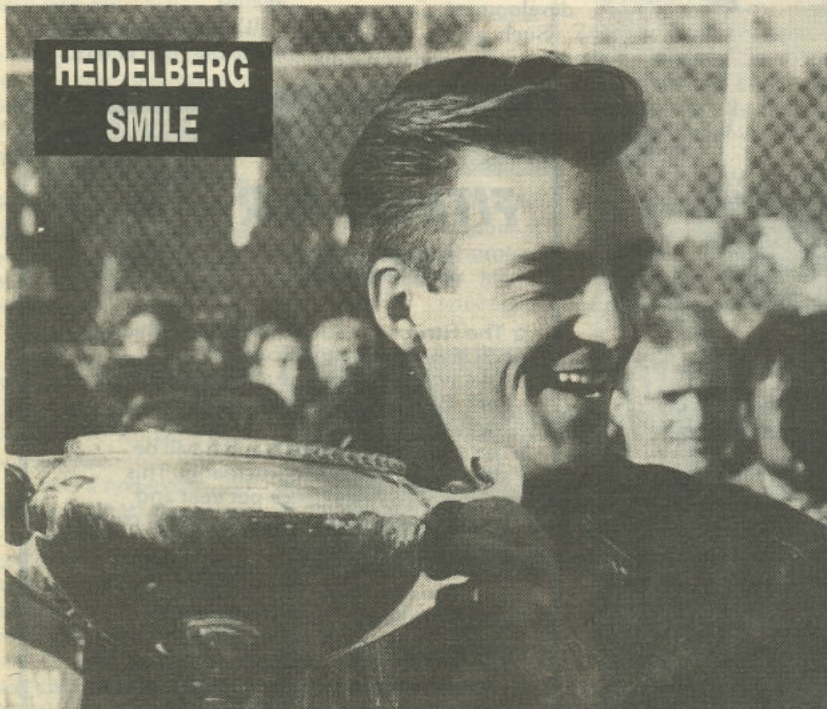
But Hellas defender Brenton Hiern gave the Bergers the shock of their life in the 82nd minute.

He was stationed at the back end of the box to half-volley

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TWO WOLLONGONG CLUBS FOR NSL — PAGE 5

HEIDELBERG SMILE



Heidelberg's ex-Socceroo Garry McDowall was all smiles when presented with the Victorian State League Premiership Cup. But will Heidelberg come out on top of Adelaide Hellas in the NSL play-off? — Photo: JOE MONTEMURRO.



SYDNEY and Melbourne are vying for the honour of staging the Australia-England international on June 1 next year.

Australian Soccer Federation chairman John Constantine told ASW: "All financial factors, pre-selling arrangements for seats and other details are being worked up at present."

"The decision between the cities will be finalised as soon as the exercise has been completed."

Sydney and Melbourne rivalry



BY KEITH GILMOUR

As it stands Sydney must be the host favourite due to the 40,000 seat capacity of the Sydney Football Stadium.

Melbourne held the advantage back in 1985, when Olympic Park was chosen for the Australia-Scotland World Cup encounter.

But construction of the Sydney Football Stadium — with its all seater design — could swing the decision Sydney's way.

In other news, Constantine has confirmed

that negotiations are proceeding for a tour early in 1991 of the Czechoslovakian national team.

Also confirmed was the likelihood of the Socceroos again participating in the Korean President's Cup in July.

This followed an approach to officials accompanying the Socceroos on their recent tour of Korea.

Constantine said: "This is a sound basis on which to build the 1991 Socceroos' programme, and the ASF will continue through its endeavour and that of its agent to expand

on the existing possibilities".

He added that the only extent to which the Socceroos would have priority over the Olympic squad was that the Barcelona Olympics proceed the World Cup in the United States by two years.

He also confirmed the Australian Olympic team would play two matches November 9 and 11 in Sydney and Melbourne, against the USSR Olympic team.

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St George, Marconi host Sydney tourney



SYDNEY Olympic and Melita Eagles will kick off the Aerolineas Argentinas pre-season Cup at St George Stadium at 6pm on Friday night.

Fans will have the

chance to see Marconi's star quality newcomers David Seal, John Markovski and Mark Jones in the 8pm clash with Frank Arok's rebuilt Saints.

Olympic fans will want to see Andrew Bernal displaying his Socceroo form in the blue and white.

The second round transfers to Marconi Stadium on Tuesday

night September 25 with Saints meeting Olympic at 6pm, followed by Marconi and Melita.

The series ends at St George Stadium on Thursday, September 27, where the final games are St George v Melita (6pm) and Marconi-Olympic — a 1990 NSL grand final replay at 8pm.

Come along and get a top preview of the 1990/



91 NSL, which kicks off on October 6/7.

With last Friday's Sydney Croatia-Marconi trial at Edensor Park washed out, the Aerolineas Argentinas Cup has additional meaning.

All systems go for a relieved Dorigo



TONY DORIGO — back in favour.

TONY Dorigo has patched up his differences with new England manager Graham Taylor.

The Chelsea defender was fearing the worst when Taylor took over from Bobby Robson shortly after he made his first England start.

But Taylor, who reluctantly allowed Dorigo to join the London club for a hefty \$1.7 million three years ago when he took over at Aston Villa, has made it clear to the man from Melbourne that there are no hard feelings. "When Graham

Taylor came to Villa, the deal was already done," recalled Dorigo.

"But he talked to all the players and pointed his finger wrongly at Gary Williams, thinking he was me!

"When he finally got to me, he asked why I wanted to leave. And after I'd explained the situation he said 'fair enough, off you go'.

"That was the only contact we've had until this week and it was an inauspicious start.

"But we've had a chat about it now and I'm looking forward to working with him for a while to come.

"What happened is all water under the

bridge. He even made a joke of it and the first thing he said to me this week was 'Is it Gary or is it Tony?'"

The Aussie-born former England under-21 captain broke into the senior squad before the 1988 European Championship finals as understudy to Kenny Sansom after Stuart Pearce had been ruled out with knee ligament damage.

However, Pearce stepped in at the start of the following season and started 25 successive internationals until the third place play-off against Italy when Dorigo finally got his chance.

"Now I've just got to force my way in again," he said.

"It's going to be hard, but I'm confident in what I can do and I've just got to keep going.

"There's a lot expected of us after the World Cup and I'm sure we will rise to that."

FOOTNOTE — And Taylor was true to his word, byones were indeed byones as he brought Dorigo on at half-time in last Wednesday's friendly international against Hungary at Wembley, which England won 1-0.

Mike Wells' new post

Mike Wells is the new National Director of Coaching in succession to Eddie Thomson.

He was chosen from a final field of four which also included Steve Darby, Bruce Stowell and Neil McGachey.

"Wells has extensive coaching and administrative experience and will complement our existing coaching appointments", said ASF chairman Constantine.

"Wells, who is presently the general manager of the South Australian Soccer Federation, will bring to the ASF considerable knowledge and expertise in what is an important position in Australian Soccer.

"His prime responsibility will be the continued development of the ASF coaching programme at all levels of participation," said Constantine.

ARNOLD'S DUTCH TREAT

BY LOU GAUTIER

GRAHAM Arnold has scored his first league goal in the Dutch First Division.

The Socceroo star, whose absence was so sorely missed in the two-match series with South Korea, scored the winner in Roda JC's 2-1 victory against Volendam.



FRANK FARINA

And most pleasing from an Australian viewpoint, Gary van Egmond has also now secured a regular berth in Roda's first team and is doing very well as a marking defender.

Arnold and van Egmond will both be in Roda's starting line-up in Monaco on Tuesday when Roda meet Monaco in the first round of the UEFA Cup.

Also taking part in European competition this week are Frank Farina and Eddie Krncevic.

Farina will be after more goals, after scoring three in his last two league outings for Club

Brugge, when his team takes on Lillestrom in Norway, and Krncevic, who was yet to score for FC Liege, meets another Norwegian side, Viking Stavenger, also in Norway, in the Cup-Winners' Cup.

And in Greece, where the league kicked off yesterday (Sunday), Jim Patikas and Chris Kalantzis are set for big seasons with AEK and Panathinaikos respectively.

Robbie Slater continues to stand out for Lens in the French



JIM PATIKAS

Second Division. But Lens are anchored in last place in their Second Division conference.



GRAHAM ARNOLD — on the scoresheet in the Dutch First Division.



Countries like Norway, whose goalkeeper Thorstvedt is seen here in action for Tottenham, would be ideal opponents for the Socceroos.

Socceroos must lower their aims

BY LOU GAUTIER

I have no doubt that if properly promoted next year's one-off match between Australia and England will be a huge success, no matter the result.

If the Sydney Football Stadium can be booked, there's no reason why the game cannot attract a full house, 40,000 crowd.

The match is a promoter's dream, but will it really benefit the Socceroos?

England is a prestigious opponent, but nothing like the countries we have to play on a regular basis to get much-needed international exposure.

We should not start at the top of the tree, with super-powers like England (or Italy, West Germany and the like) but have more modest objectives.

The ASF should make it a point to secure third tier European soccer countries for the Socceroos on a regular basis.

It is unrealistic to expect the major countries to bother hosting Australia at this stage of our development.

Such games would be mismatches and would do

nothing for the development of the team involved and produce measly attendances.

Australia, instead, should attempt to play against teams like Malta, Cyprus, Iceland, Switzerland, Norway or Finland.

Turkey would also be a huge draw in Australia with its growing Turkish population.

Results against any of the above mentioned teams may at first be embarrassing but they would be a good indication of our real worth.

Once we have mastered countries of that level, then, by all means, let's sight our sights higher.

And we can also test our mettle against African countries even if teams like Cameroun, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria are streets ahead of us at the moment.

And more contact with Asia is also essential.

We have to participate regularly in the various Asian tournaments.

There are a host of national teams out there for the Socceroos to play against.

It's just that we have to make the right choice.



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• The Level 2/3 BHP Coaches Manual is also available at a cost of \$27 plus \$3 postage.

A king-sized headache for Eddie

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE "new look" Socceroos two defeats in South Korea—the first in 23 years—again emphasised how crucial international competition is to the well-being of the Australian national team.

As far as I know, at this stage, there has only been vague talk of an unidentified Soviet side visiting Australia before the end of the year and then a one-off match against England (but what England?) in June next year.

Just not good enough, not by a long shot.

With so many national team candidates to be tested, Australia needs many more games, and needs them soon.

The squad that travelled to Korea, surely, is a stop-gap one.

Heaven help Australia if this is the nucleus of the team which coach Eddie Thomson intends to mount his 1994 World Cup campaign on.

I have watched Australian teams since the mid-1950s.

The 1990 Socceroos are the most mediocre bunch of players I have seen, and rarely have I witnessed a worst display



EDDIE THOMSON — in a quandary.

than by the Aussies in the first game in Seoul.

It was a throwback to the "bad old days", when players were assembled, even introduced to each other, before the kick-off, and performed accordingly.

Apart from the confirmation that Robert Zabica is indeed in the line of the great Australian goalkeepers of the past, there was precious little on display in South Korea to gladden the heart and give much hope for the 1994 World Cup campaign ahead.

Cohesion, not surprisingly, was lacking as this was a brand-new national squad.

Much more alarming was the lack of all-round skills.

In 180 minutes of football the Australians were only capable of stringing together five, yes I counted them, moves that involved more than three passes.

Time and again the ball was lost at the third, if not second, pass. Balls were booted aimlessly upfield and in the air and we looked embarrassingly primitive compared to the Koreans.

When you consider that South Korea was a big flop at Italia '90, where does that put us?

The Koreans were streets ahead of the Socceroos.

They were slick, fast and skillful.

The Socceroos were lead-footed and totally devoid of ideas, especially in the midfield where no-one could hold the ball, let alone pass it accurately.

Yes, humiliatingly embarrassing . . .

There was indeed an improvement in the second match in Pusan, but the Socceroos' display in Seoul was so diabolically woeful that there was ample room for improvement in the second game.

The South Koreans went into the series match-hardened after the World Cup and tough matches in the Dynasty Cup in Beijing.

The Australians had not had a serious game since the 1-1 World Cup draw with Israel in April 1989!

Meaningless games against European club sides in Australia and the Independence Tournament in Jakarta hardly rate as proper "preparation".

I would not like to be in Eddie Thomson's shoes.

With perhaps a couple of exceptions, the players he took to Korea were the best available in the country now—and that alone is a sad reflection on the state of our elite.

Add Olympian Ned Zelic and Young Socceroo striker David Seal to the players who went to Korea and you've got the current cream of the Australia-based crop.

Luckily, Thomson—and Australian soccer—can take solace from the large band of Australians now playing their trade in Europe and in the

THE ASF has decided to concentrate on the Australian Olympic squad in the near future.

This means the senior Socceroos will take a back seat as the ASF devotes its meagre financial resources to the Olympic side as they bid to qualify for the final tournament in Barcelona.

Eddie Thomson is very much against this concept, but his hands are tied as it now appears the Socceroos won't be playing another game until they face England in June.

ASF chairman John Constantine says that only when the Socceroos become professional, would high calibre opponents be sought for them on a regular basis.

Constantine said that FIFA would only give Oceania full Confederation rights within the organisation if there was greater growth below senior level.

So in the immediate future most of the ASF's money will be channelled to the Olympic, under 20 and 17 national teams, to the detriment of the Socceroos.

imminent return to the national team of sweeper Alan Davidson and playmaker Oscar Crino.

Davidson and Crino must be in the national team and room has to be found, of course, for Frank Farina, Graham Arnold (oh, how we missed him in Korea!), Vlado Bozinovski, Jim Patikas and Chris Kalantzis.

And Eddie Krncevic, who is itching to play again for the Socceroos, should not be discarded either.

But how does Thomson get his team ready for the 1994 World Cup qualifiers with his best players overseas?

Well, for starters I suggest the Australian Soccer Federation fly all the players Thomson requires back to Australia for a two-week camp next year before Australia plays England

He could then field what he believes is the team best suited to participate in the 1994 World Cup qualifiers.

That would be a start, and in the meantime he will just have to review more Australian-based players provided, of



OSCAR CRINO — the Socceroos still need his playmaking inspiration.

course, the ASF gives him international matches in which to test them.

And that's where I came in—without more games,

the sooner the better, we won't get anywhere and fall even further behind countries like South Korea we once dominated.

Sydney Socceroo press blackout

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE Sydney press gets the "Wally of the Year" award for its

The Daily Telegraph

disgraceful coverage of the Socceroos' two-match series in South Korea.

What coverage? You may well ask.

For the first Seoul game Sydney fans were treated to the bare minimum—just the box score in the classified results in the morning papers.

Sunday week's defeat in Pusan rated only a result in the "Australian's" scoreboard and two miniscule paragraphs each in the "Sydney Morning Herald" and "Telegraph".

The afternoon "Daily Mirror" went one better.

For them the Socceroos' trip to Korea just did not happen.

It was a non-event—no results, no nothing . . .

Although two of Sydney's four soccer writers were on holidays, there is no excuse for the lack of coverage as the Socceroos' South Korean visit was amply covered by the Australian Associated Press.

The only space devoted to the Socceroos in Korea was in the Sydney "Sun

Herald", where the trip was covered by Les Murray and John Warren in their Sunday columns.

Some Sydney radio stations at least broadcast the result with a brief commentary and the Melbourne press fared better than their Sydney counterparts, especially the mass-circulation "Sun", which for some time now has given soccer the biggest coverage in the country.

The Sydney Morning Herald

Sydney's press blackout was not only outrageous, it was thoroughly unprofessional on the part of the newspapers' sporting editors.

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Saints wait

ST GEORGE's place in the playoff series is now in doubt after going down 2-1 to Blacktown in controversial circumstances at the Gabbie yesterday.

A penalty three minutes from fulltime gave the Demons both points and the young Saints must now await the Sydney Macedonian result before knowing their fate for the season.

Despite the controversy of the final minute, Blacktown in reality deserved both points with John Gibson and Brad Maloney constantly ripping at the Saints defence.

St George operated an effective offside trap and the opening 20 minutes became a negative, dull affair.

In the 19th minute Damon Langan overlapped on the right for Blacktown before delivering a cross for Gibson whose rasping shot from 30 metres just cleared the bar.

Slightly against the run of play St George opened the scoring in the 23rd minute when Shaun Freestone back-headed into the net following a corner on the right.

The Saints went back into their shell after the goal. Blacktown began to run down the offside trap playing the ball wide while St George relied on the breakaway with Osvaldo El Ali very lively up front.

In the 28th minute Australia's Olympic keeper John Filan denied Gibson saving bravely at the diminutive striker's feet after Stan Suman had cleverly put him clear.

Four minutes later with Blacktown con-

tinuing to press, Filan uncharacteristically dropped the ball but the Demons' attempted shot on goal was cleared off the line.

Finally Blacktown drew level in the 37th minute when Dominic Longo stabbed the ball home following an intelligent Gibson free kick from 25 metres.

The second stanza too belonged to the home side with Maloney stretching the defence out wide and Gibson carving up the Saints down the middle.

Five minutes from time a long swirling goal kick was judged brilliantly by Maloney who cleverly laid off for Gibson but again the striker was denied brilliantly by Filan.

St George had three chances to score but poor finishing let the visitors down before Blacktown grabbed the winner.

Powerful midfielder Geoff Gunning was felled in the box with just three minutes remaining and Andrew Brockbank gave the Demons both points, following in his spot kick after Filan had saved.

Further to harm the Saints' chances if they qualify for the semis Eddie Haragli was sent off during the penalty controversy in the 87th minute.

BLACKTOWN: Mautone, Longo, Brockbank, Langan, Gunning (Heighway 88), Comerford, Connelly, Lees, Gibson, Suman, Maloney.

ST GEORGE: Filan, Ciantar, Augerinos, Haragli, Milicevic, McGregor, Freestone, El Ali, Bingley, Poric, Adioski (Folladosa 73).

REFEREE: D. Watson.

**SELECTED
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Alchin's double

TWO goals from Inter Monaro's perennial battler, Craig Alchin, saw the Queanbeyan club sign off a bleak season on a bright note with a 2-1 win over Sydney Croatia at the Marco Polo Ground on Sunday.

An uninspired contest seemed to be drifting towards a 0-0 draw before Alchin stamped his mark on the game in the 67th minute.

Baz Giampaolo put him away on the right and the burly utility man outpaced a sluggish Croatia defence to slam a shot wide of goalkeeper Zeljko Kalac into the far corner.

Monaro had a great chance to make it 2-0 when Ante Zilic brought down Giampaolo in the penalty area, but Kalac guessed the direction of Luche Djordjeski's spot kick and saved well.

With nine minutes left Alchin sprung the offside trap, ran round the diving Kalac in goal and slotted the ball into an empty goal.

And Alchin could, and should, have secured his hat-trick three minutes later when Njegosh Popovich worked his way past three Croatia defenders, took the ball to the byline, then flicked it back to Alchin barely a metre from the line. This time he blazed well over.

Monaro's over-confidence let the visitors back into the game. Instead of clearing a goal kick, goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski and defender Andrew Monterosso elected to play a one-two; Monterosso's back-pass did not have enough power in it and John Pillimer nipped in to crack a shot past the stranded Monaro keeper.

INTER MONARO: Hoszowski, T. Popovich, Grastick, Carbone, Alchin, Djordjeski, N. Popovich, A. Popovich, Monterosso, Ambrosino, Giampaolo.

SYDNEY CROATIA: Kalac, Jones, Zilic, Milicevic, Pervan, Pillimer, Allovic, Stanton, French, Ardane (George 69), Bazdaric (Bojkovski 80).

REFEREE: John Jenkins.
— GRAHAM COOKE

Last-minute win to Sharks

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SUTHERLAND came out of an evenly contested game with both points when they scored a last-minute winner against North Shore United at Seymour Shaw Park on Sunday.

It was a typical Sutherland-North Shore game with no quarter asked or given and the deciding goal could not have been left any later.

Harry Christodoulou raced onto a long clearance by Sutherland goalkeeper Paul Dart and clipped the ball over the advancing Michael Blanco to deprive the hard-working visitors of a point they had surely earned.

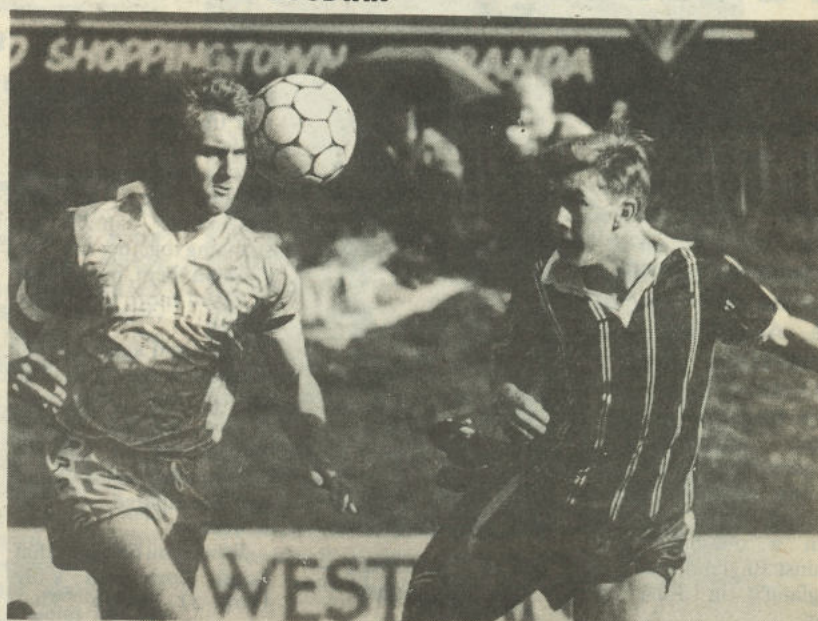
Throughout the game both sides had many chances but good goalkeeping and some desperate clearances kept the scoresheet blank until that last minute lapse of concentration in the North Shore defence brought a result out of this game.

In the sixth minute Glenn Jeffery had a good shot pushed past the post by Dart and another in the 32nd minute plunked out of the air by Dart after an excellent turn in the area by Jeffery, while for Sutherland Robbie Sellar put a bobbing ball centimetres over the bar from point-blank range in the 20th minute and Darryl Sharp angled a low shot just wide of the post in the 42nd minute.

Two minutes after the resumption a well organised free kick by North Shore taken by Craig Bass led to Glen Jeffery slamming a good shot towards goal where only a defender's legs prevented its passage into the net.

Christodoulou was the hardest working player on the park and fully deserved the credit he got by scoring the goal which settled the issue and both defences were in full command for the majority of the game.

The win ensures a semi-final place for the



An aerial duel from Sunday's game at Seymour Shaw Park — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

Sutherland team and they will now face Wollongong Macedonia on Wednesday night.

SUTHERLAND: Dart, Edmunds, Sellar, Terry, Biscaya, O'Shea, Christodoulou, Tasker, Sharp, Bard (Bramp-ton), Lenney.
NORTH SHORE UNITED:

Blanco, Booth, Gillam, Bass, Sutherland, Ferguson, Norman, Calcott, Nile, Hunter, Jeffery (sent off).

REFEREE: Nick Asargiotis.



Ouch... this hurt! Facial expressions at Seymour Shaw's game between Sutherland and North Shore tell the story — Pic by STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS.

Mid-table status for Wollongong City

HOME side Wollongong downed lowly placed Sydney Olympic 1-0 at Brandon Park yesterday to end the season mid-table.

With Olympic reshuffling their side, promoting youngsters into the big time and playing veteran goalkeeper Gary Meier in the defence the Wolves had little trouble in dominating the match.

Wollongong created a host of chances in the first half but poor finishing meant the home side led just 1-0 at the break.

David Skeen laid the ball off for John Danzo who netted from just inside the box after 20 minutes.

The second half



lacked as much inspiration as the first, again Wollongong wasting three or four good chances to add to the scoreline and Olympic offered nothing at the other end.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Atsas, Higgs, McEvoy, Morlando, Scott (Vasquez), Allport, Skeen, Gillespie, Danzo, Brodnik, Oldridge (Montgomery).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Scott,

F. Serratore, Foundas, Meier, Plataniotis, Andrikopoulos, Chilas, J. Serratore, M. Lardis, Alexander, Cardozo.

WARRINGAH OFF

The Warringah-BHP Austral match set down at Cromer Park could not be played following earlier torrential rain on the pitch.

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This quality opposition will further prepare the Olympic squad for their qualification series in May.

The USSR will be on a world tour, which includes matches in the USA.

Match dates for the Oceania qualification series are:

Australia v Papua New Guinea Sunday, May 19 1991.

Australia v New Zealand Wednesday, May 22 1991.

Australia v Fiji Sunday, May 26 1991.

Papua New Guinea v Australia Saturday, October 19 1991.

Fiji v Australia Saturday, November 16 1991.

New Zealand v Australia Saturday, November 23 1991.

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Wollongong Macedonia clinch NSL promotion

WOLLONGONG Macedonia completed a giant-sized headache for the NSL after winning promotion following their fine 2-0 victory against Polonia at Chopin Park on Sunday.

The NSL must now contend with two clubs representing the Wollongong area after Adam Sandy and Graeme Fletcher struck in quick succession midway through the first

half.

Polonia failed to play their part in ending the season with an exciting finish, beginning the match nervously and never recovering from two lapses in defence that gave Wollongong the championship.

The visitors completely dominated the first half hour, constantly forcing corners and free kicks but for the opening 20 minutes the Polonia defence held firm.

Loose marking from the Polonia defence allowed Adam Sandy to deliver the first blow, knocking the ball home following a goalmouth melee in the 22nd minute.

Polonia went close in the 27th minute after Leszek Kulwicki found Allan Robertson free but the defender's fierce drive from 30 metres just missed the target.

Within a minute the Macedonian fans were celebrating.

Coach Casey de Bruin's faith in Fletcher's goalscoring talents were realised when the former Sydney City striker added the second in the 28th minute.

Despite playing with a smashed cheekbone Fletcher coolly slotted

home after Polonia custodian Bruce Thurlow failed to punch clear a cross from the right.

The second half was a different story with Wollongong sitting back on their lead and producing only three or four token breaks.

Jarek Nowicki almost pulled a goal back for the home side in the 60th minute when he charged down the left flank and unleashed a fierce drive from just outside the box but Macedonia keeper Wilson brilliantly tipped the ball over the bar.

Adam Sandy went close for the champions when he too was denied by keeper Thurlow who pushed the shot behind in fine style.

Wollongong with the championship and promotion under their belt will meet Sutherland full of confidence in the semi-final at Ian McLennan Park on Wednesday evening kicking off at 7.30pm.

POLONIA: Thurlow, Robertson, C. Thompson, Kulwicki, Cerjak, Kealy, Drys, G. Thompson (Pratt 45), Seping (Lasek 45), Beamer, Nowicki.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: Wilson, Cavanah, Martin Bourke, Dimov, Cabassi, Kay, Sandy, Bradley, Morley (D'Amico 87), Fletcher, Thornthwaite.

Canberra Croatia wins 3-0

BY MICHAEL KOMADINA

CANBERRA Croatia visited the bumpy outside pitch at Marconi yesterday praying for a miracle and despite playing most of the match with 10 men won comfortably 3-0.

The visitors were relying on the in-form Polonia to upset leaders Wollongong Macedonia while themselves disposing of lowly Marconi to force a play-off for the championship and ultimately promotion to the NSL.

When Alan Reis was dismissed after only six minutes the miracle looked unrealistic but led by Ned Zelic and

Stan Dukic in the Canberra engine room the visitors rallied to finish runners-up.

Canberra found it difficult to settle down after the early setback but Ray Junna's persistence up front paid off when he intercepted a poor backpass by Greg Carluccio and nipped in to score in the 40th minute.

Marconi produced a good move down the left and almost equalised in the 43rd minute but Carlos Vanegias' charge towards the box was safely cleared by the solid Canberra defence for a corner.

In the 55th minute Marconi keeper Bowles was well beaten from a Canberra corner but the



Fierce determination as Sutherland and North Shore clashed last Sunday — STEPHEN GOSCH/AVENEWS photo.

chance was cleared off the line with some desperate defence.

Serena was denied by Bowles in the 66th minute following a brilliant move down the left by Canberra involving Vausesti, Stan Dukic and Doug Marcina.

The constant pressure took its toll on the Marconi defence when Doug Marcina set off on a brilliant run down the right wing, beat his opposite number and crossed for the unmarked Junna who headed home leaving Bowles no chance for Canberra's second in the 70th minute.

Substitute Jancevski

completed a gutsy victory for Canberra firing home a first time shot in the 88th minute following a good run down the right flank by the hard working Ray Junna.

The win allowed Canberra to consolidate second position and a clash with either St George or Sydney Macedonia on Wednesday at Deakin Oval kicking off at 7.30pm for a place in the final.

MARCONI: Bowles, Carluccio, Calic, Charlewood, Battisti, Surjan, Mesina, Vasegas, Licata, Budini, Cam. **CANBERRA CROATIA:** Gunning, Marcina, Vausesti, Dunn, Young, Mazie (Jancevski 81), Dukic, Zelic, Reis, Serena (Ravello 70), Junna.

State League details

RESULTS SUMMARY

Marconi Fairfield 0 Canberra Croatia 3 (Junna 2 Jancevski), Rockdale-Ilinden bye, Warringah Freshwater v BHP Austral postponed, Wollongong City 1 (Danzo) Sydney Olympic 0, Avala v Sydney Macedonia postponed to Mon Sept 18 at Bensley Rd under floodlights, Inter Monaro 2 (Alchin 2) Sydney Croatia 1 (Pillmer), Blacktown City 2 (Longo, Brockbank) St George 1 (Freeston), Polonia 0 Wollongong Macedonia 2 (Sandy, Fletcher), Sutherland Shire 1 (Christodoulou) North Shore United 0, Canterbury-Marriaville bye.

LEADING SCORERS

14 Bruno Beddoni (Rockdale), 11 Grant Bard (Sutherland), 10 Scott Gilbert (Sydney Mac), Alan Reis (Canberra), Graeme Fletcher (Woll Mac), 9 Tony Lemezzina (Canberra), Osvaldo El All (St George), 7 Miladin Kuc (Avala), Baz Giampaolo (Inter Monaro), Stan Suman (Blacktown), Louis Dounis (Canterbury), John Danzo (Wollongong City), 6 Greg Brown (Wollongong Mac), Stuart Porter (Rockdale), Shaun Freeston (St George), 5 Jason Oldridge (Wollongong City), Paul Welch (Avala), Anthony Surjan (Marconi), Jerzy Drys (Polonia), Theo Kotsias (Sydney Macedonia), 4 Lawrie McKinna (Blacktown), David Seal (Sydney Croatia), Adam Poric (St George), Jose Irlarte, Anthony Versi (both Warringah), Zoki Adioski (St George), Michael Lardis (Canterbury), John Gibson (Blacktown City), Brett

Winter football in NSW

BY GRAHAM COOKE

NSW Soccer Federation general manager Ian Holmes has rejected suggestions that State League First Divisions could switch their competition to summer in order to better serve as Quit National League Second Divisions.

"It's nonsense," he said. "A lot of NSW State League clubs play on council-controlled grounds which would be required for cricket during the summer."

"And it's my belief there should be no other competitions detracting from the National League while it is in operation."

And Holmes said Inter Monaro will face some form of punishment for forfeiting its NSW League game against Polonia, but probably not the \$5000 maximum fine.

He said the heavy penalty was in place because the Federation wanted to do everything possible to discourage forfeits in its First Division.

"However, it is likely we will take into account the circumstances and the difficult times Monaro has faced this season."

Holmes said the lesson to be learnt was that clubs could not be left to arrange postponed matches by mutual agreement.

"The inevitable outcome is that they leave things to the last moment," he said.

"I will be recommending that, as from next season, games be rescheduled within seven days of the postponement and that the arrangements be made by the Federation."

— GRAHAM COOKE

NEW SOUTH WALES

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE A

Wollongong City v Sydney Olympic	1-0	3-0
Marconi v Canberra Croatia	0-3	0-0
BHP Austral v Rockdale		3-0

STATE LEAGUE: ONE CONFERENCE B

Inter Monaro v Sydney Croatia	2-1	1-1
Sutherland Shire v North Shore	1-0	0-0
Polonia v Wollongong Mac	0-2	4-1
Blacktown City v St George	2-1	3-1

NSW Composite Tables

1ST GRADE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wollongong Mac	16	11	5	0	32	15	27
Canberra	16	11	3	2	40	13	25
Sutherland Shire	16	8	7	1	25	11	23
St George	16	8	5	3	32	16	21
Sydney Macedonia	15	9	2	4	25	20	20
Rockdale Ilinden	16	8	3	5	23	14	19
BHP Austral	15	7	4	4	22	9	18
Warringah	15	8	1	6	22	16	17
Blacktown City	16	7	2	7	25	22	16
Wollongong City	16	7	2	7	23	26	16
Polonia	16	5	5	6	20	15	15
Canterbury	16	4	7	5	18	23	15
Sydney Croatia	16	4	5	7	24	29	13
Avala	15	5	3	7	23	31	13
North Shore Utd	16	3	2	11	12	35	8
Sydney Olympic	16	3	0	13	17	37	6
Inter Monaro	16	2	2	12	11	33	6
Marconi	16	2	2	12	10	39	6

UNDER 19

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blacktown City	16	11	2	3	31	13	24
BHP Austral	15	8	5	2	33	14	21
Canberra	16	7	7	2	26	12	21
Sydney Macedonia	15	7	5	3	32	21	19
Polonia	16	7	5	4	26	15	19
Avala	15	8	3	4	25	19	19
Warringah	15	8	3	4	28	24	19
Wollongong City	16	8	2	6	20	22	18
Inter Monaro	16	6	5	5	23	23	17
Wollongong Mac	16	7	3	6	21	24	17
Sydney Croatia	15	6	4	5	23	20	16
Sutherland Shire	16	4	5	7	16	18	13
Canterbury	16	5	3	8	20	32	13
St George	16	3	6	7	19	28	12
North Shore Utd	15	4	3	8	19	25	11
Sydney Olympic	16	4	3	9	17	33	11
Rockdale Ilinden	16	3	1	12	14	30	7
Marconi	16	1	3	12	23	43	5

D'ARCY TOURS

NSW Disciplinary committee chairman Kevin D'Arcy and wife Bridie leave shortly for a trip to the UK. Kevin will call in on the English FA, Scottish FA. The FA of Ireland and the Northern Irish FA.

Says Kevin: "I would dearly love to see Jackie Charlton's current Irish team pay us a visit."

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STATE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION

SEMI-FINALS

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 19

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA versus SUTHERLAND

Ian McLennan Park 7.30pm

CANBERRA CROATIA versus ST GEORGE or SYDNEY MACEDONIA

Deakin Oval 7.30pm

(Under 19 semi-final matches to be played Saturday Sept 22)

GRAND FINAL

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 23

GROUND TO BE ADVISED

2ND DIVISION GRAND FINAL

1ST GRADE

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS versus DULWICH HILL

U19

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS versus ROSEBERY

Christie Park, North Ryde

3RD DIVISION GRAND FINAL

1ST GRADE

MT PRITCHARD versus PORT HACKING

U19

CANTERBURY DIST versus MT PRITCHARD

Jensen Park, Regents Park

All games kick-off 3pm with U19 at 1pm, with BHP Austral 2.30pm and 12.30pm, unless otherwise stated.

See State League action this week!

Marconi stalks Corica

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

GIANT Italian-backed club Marconi could be adding another potential star to its squad with the signing of 18 year old AIS and Young Soccerroo striker, Steve Corica.

Denied its third consecutive NSL championship by Sydney Olympic's grand final win last season, the club has greatly strengthened its attack-line.

After losing two star strikers in two years in Frank Farina and Fred de Jong to overseas clubs, young Marconi coach Berti Mariani has not been idle during the off season.

Mariani moved quickly and snapped up star teenage goal scoring winger David Seal from Sydney Croatia for \$35,000, and signed John Markovski from Melbourne Croatia for a bargain \$12,500.



BERTI MARIANI

In addition Marconi picked up utility man Mark Jones from Sydney Croatia for \$20,000 — a player who is ever ready to collect the occasional goal.

Now Mariani is attempting to entice Corica to Marconi Stadium.

Added to these names is David Lowe, who will remain with the club for another season.

And as an extra bonus, veteran record goal-scoring machine Zlatko Nastevski is back in full training after having a major knee reconstruction.

If all goes well, Mariani has equipped the club to challenge strongly for the 1990-91 NSL Championship with five class strikers in his armoury.

And Marconi still has not closed its cheque book.

They are still interested in Sydney Olympic's left back, Steve Georgakis.

Mariani said last night: "Georgakis is a good left sided player. As he was listed for transfer, we were interested."

"We are always interested in any good players."

Southern Districts march into Second Division grand final

BY PAUL GOODWIN

SOUTHERN Districts marched into the Second Division grand final with a stunning 4-2 victory over the competitive Fairfield City side at Popondetta Park on Sunday.

Things looked rosy for Fairfield in the eighth minute when a Danny Verdan shot from the right was deflected into his own net by Districts' defender Robin Younan and prospects looked even brighter soon afterwards when Alex Nario shook off three defenders before putting his side two goals up.

A further goal by diminutive Remyle Gallo-way was ruled out by the referee in the first half.

Southern Districts pulled one goal back in the 63rd minute through Leo Ulloa and the same player put Darren Reid in for the equaliser in the 70th minute.

With extra-time beckoning, Ugher Taskin gave Districts the

lead in the 85th minute and an injury-time goal by substitute Cambec Genc sealed things for the premiers.

SOUTHERN DISTRICTS: Selcecki, Younan, Cootes, Akdogan, Gregson, Casser-

ley, Taskin, Senol, Filipovic (C Genc) Read, Ulloa.

FAIRFIELD CITY: Hayes, Langan, Nario, Tomasic, Memedanic, Jones, Verdan, O'Shana (Gonzales), Gallo-way, Arbello, Pereira (Jacobsen).

Referee, Kevin Tooke.

Olympic downs WA champions

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

SYDNEY OLYMPIC, current NSL champions, defeated West Australian champions Floreat Athena 4-3 in a tough, physical exhibition match played last Saturday night at Perth's Velodrome Park.

Olympic led 2-1 at the break with goals from midfielder Robbie Ironside and veteran striker Kevin Hagan.

Ironside scored from a rebound after Hagan rocked the crossbar and Hagan's goal was a powerful header following an excellent cross from defender Steve Georgakis.

Three defensive errors by Olympic, allowed Athena to score three goals from a penalty, a corner and

from a long throw-in. Right midfielder, Grant Lee scored Olympic's third with a 25-metre piledriver that ricocheted in off the crossbar.

Marko Perinovic, who came on to replace Hagan in the second half, scored Olympic's final goal after meeting a fine cross from the right rifled in by Lee.

Floreat Athena proved an excellent opponent for the national champions, playing a physical and direct Wimbledon-style of football.

The West Australian club used this match as an exercise to gauge their standard and as a test case for admission to the NSL next year.

Floreat Athena's promotion and public relations was first class. Club officials collected the Sydney squad from the airport in limousines and wined and dined the visitors in a first class hotel and restaurants.

DIV 2 UNDER 19 FINAL
Rosebery 3 Campbelltown 1.

In the under 19 fixture Rosebery came from behind to defeat Campbelltown Vikings 3-1 and secure a place in their grand final.

Scorers for Rosebery, Fanning, Correira and Cross; for Campbelltown, Vaughn Reynolds.

CAMPBELLTOWN: Loric, Warren, Stanton, Maher, Craig, Robinson, Jenner, Markou, Reynolds, Jones, Doran.

ROSEBERY: Bahari, Morales, Maurocordatos, Fernandes, Skotadis, Palapanis, Fanning, McComb, Correira, Cross, Barrios.

Zelic signs

Youth international Ned Zelic has signed for Sydney Croatia.

He flies out to England today for a 10 day trial with Leeds United.

Zelic with turn out for Sydney Croatia in their first NSL game in three weeks' time.

He will live in Canberra for some time still, to complete his studies.

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Tornadoes storm to NSW Indoor title

FROM BOB GENNER

TORNADOES took out the NSW Indoor State League title after downing Strikers A 4-3 in last Monday's action packed final at Fairfield Leisure Centre.

The first goal was scored by George Zelic for Strikers in the third minute when he beat Ros Pinto following a run down the left side.

The gold and black team were in again in the 13th minute when Bob Ivanica burst through the centre for a 2-0 lead.

In the interim, Aytec Genc had a goal disallowed, having been adjudged to be offside.

Frank Speranza registered the first goal for Tornadoes when he finished a fine team passing movement.

However, the second half was less than two minutes old when Harry Pachas notched his goal for a Strikers 3-1 scoreline.

No further changes were made to the score until the 30th minute when Robin Younan demonstrated that the Tornadoes were not out of the game.

An equalising goal was scored by Aytec Genc two minutes later and this was closely followed by a second Younan goal to wrap the match up for Tornadoes.

Goals could have rained in much more frequently except for the fine exhibition of goalkeeping at both ends of the court.

Overall the standard of play and skills is continually improving in these competitions with more discipline being exhibited.

The number of fouls being committed have been reducing over the season.

It is a credit to all the participants that they are showing more sportsmanship and playing the game as it should be played — in the right spirit.

TORNADOES: Pinto, Genc, Speranza, Younan, Genc, Pearson, Ulloa, Wales.

STRIKERS: Stolja, Zelic, Ivanica, Bogicevic, Zec, Maslovic, Pachas.

SCORERS: Younan 2, Genc 1, Genc 1, Zelic 1, Pachas 1, Ivanic 1.

POINTS: Genc, Pinto, Stolja.

Tornadoes

TORNADOES caused a huge upset when they downed minor premiers Commodore 6-3 in the highly entertaining NSW State Indoor first semi-final at Fairfield Leisure Centre.

In the early minutes of the match, both teams had chances but Commodores appeared to lack their usual sparkle and Tornadoes' Frank Speranza scored in the eighth minute from adjacent to the

goal circle.

Shortly afterwards, Vince Nastoski equalised when he was allowed to run mid court unopposed to tuck away his first opportunity.

The Tornadoes had more purpose about their game and Robin Younan scored his first goal three minutes prior to the interval for a 2-1 scoreline.

Immediately after the resumption, the same player had a double with a lethal shot.

Vince Nastoski also scored his second goal after six minutes but it was not enough to deter the Tornadoes.

Aytec Genc scored the goal of the match after receiving a cross court pass from Speranza.

However Genc also added another two goals before the end with John White also scoring with seconds remaining on the clock.

COMMODORES: Byrne, Cross, White, Shiska, Nastoski, Edwards.

TORNADOES: Pinto, Pear-

son, Speranza, J. Genc, A. Genc, Younan, Wales, Ulloa.
SCORERS: A. Genc 3, Younan 2, Speranza 1, Nastoski 2, White 1.
POINTS: Genc, Pinto, Younan.

Strikers

In the second semi, runners-up Liverpool had a very tough encounter with Strikers before bowing out of the competition 1-0.

The game was very even until the 10th minute, when Harry Pachas scored for Strikers in what turned out to be the winning goal.

Although the match was very close, both teams attacked at every opportunity with Strikers hitting the bar or post on several occasions.

Oli Stolja had an excellent game in the Strikers goal to keep Liverpool scoreless.

STRIKERS A: Stolja, Maslovic, Bogicevic, Pachas, Zec, Zelic, Ivanica.

LIVERPOOL: Saville, Lembryk, Davis, Stuart, Glascock, Chungie, Gilligan, Willis.

SCORERS: Pachas 1.
POINTS: Stolja, Pachas, Glascock.

PETER MURRAY (Apia)

PERSONALITY PLAYER



NAME: Peter Murray.

CLUB: Apia.

BIRTHPLACE & DATE: Kurri-Kurri 24/8/70.

HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 6'2", 85kg

MARRIED: No

HOME: Kurri-Kurri.

NICKNAME: "Muzza".

CAR: Ford Telstar.

OCCUPATION: Labourer.

PREVIOUS CLUB: Adamstown, Youth team.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: None really.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: John Barnes, Matteaus.

FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Alex Bundalo, Shane Clinch.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Mark Jones.

FAVOURITE GROUND: Lambert Park.

MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Against Syria with the World Youth squad in 1988. It was frightening.

BIGGEST THRILL: Being selected for this current Olympic squad.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None as yet.

WORST INJURY: None so far.

FAVOURITE POSITION: Striker.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: All sports.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Seafood salads and pavlovas.

FAVOURITE MUSIC: Guns and Roses, Motley Crew

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Graham Kennedy's Funniest Moments.

BEST FRIEND: All my team-mates.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Graham Jennings.

AMBITIONS: To succeed in what ever I do.

MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Milan Blagojevic.

PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Elle McPherson.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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MATCH RESULTS

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 12/9/90 — WEEK 267

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Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

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Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
3, 9, 24, 27, 29, 32.
Supplementary Number: 21

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	ASTON VILLA	Q.P.R.	1
	CHELSEA	MAN. CITY	2
	LUTON	COVENTRY	3
	MAN. UTD.	SOUTHAMPTON	4
	NORWICH	DERBY	5
	NOTTINGHAM F.	ARSENAL	6
	TOTTENHAM	CRYSTAL P.	7
	WIMBLEDON	SUNDERLAND	8
	BARNLEY	PORT VALE	9
	BRISTOL C.	BRIGHTON	10
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	CHARLTON	MILLWALL	11
	HULL	WEST BROM.	12
	IPSWICH	BRISTOL R.	13
	LEICESTER	SHEFF. WED.	14
	MIDDLESBORO	OLDHAM	15
	NEWCASTLE	WEST HAM	16
	OXFORD UTD.	SWINDON	17
	PORTSMOUTH	BLACKBURN	18
	WATFORD	NOTTS. C.	19
	WOLVES	PLYMOUTH	20
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BRADFORD C.	SWANSEA	21
	BRENTFORD	BOLTON	22
	BURY	MANSFIELD	23
	EXETER	BOURNEMOUTH	24
	HUDDERSFIELD	READING	25
	LEYTON O.	ROTHERHAM	26
	PRESTON	FULHAM	27
	SHREWSBURY	GRIMSBY	28
	STOKE	SOUTHEND	29
	WIGAN A.	BIRMINGHAM	30
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	CARDIFF	STOCKPORT	31
	CARLISLE	HARTLEPOOL	32
	CHESTERFIELD	BLACKPOOL	33
	GILLINGHAM	MAIDSTONE	34
	NORTHAMPTON	PETERBORO	35
	ROCHDALE	SCARBORO	36
	WALSALL	HEREFORD	37
	WREXHAM	DARLINGTON	38

BEAZER H. PREM. DIV.	★	YORK	DONCASTER	39
		BURTON A.	DOVER	40
		DARTFORD	WEALDSTONE	41
		FARNBORO	BROMSGROVE	42
		WORCESTER	GRAVESEND	43
SCOTTISH PREM. DIVISION		ABERDEEN	ST. MIRREN	44
		CELTIC	HEARTS	45
		DUNDEE U.	RANGERS	46
		HIBERNIAN	S. JOHNSTONE	47
		MOTHERWELL	DUNFERMLINE	48
SCOTTISH DIVISION 1		AIRDRIE	AYR	49
		BRECHIN	FALKIRK	50
		FORFAR	DUNDEE	51
		KILMARNOCK	MORTON	52
		MEADOWBANK	CLYDE	53
		PARTICK	HAMILTON	54
	RAITH	CLYDEBANK	55	

★ ENGLISH DIVISION 4

★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

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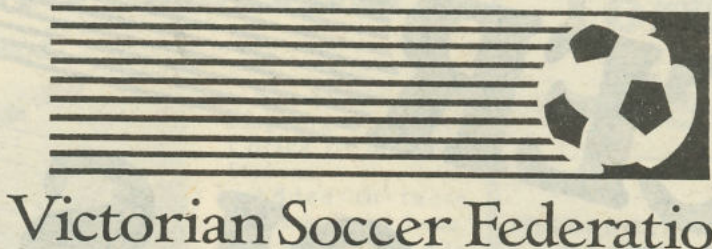
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English division one									
Liverpool	4	5	4	0	5	9	3		
Arsenal	4	5	3	2	0	10	3	12	
Tottenham	4	5	3	2	0	8	1	11	
Crystal Palace	4	5	3	2	0	9	4	11	
Manchester United	4	5	3	1	1	7	3	10	
Manchester City	4	5	3	1	1	7	3	10	
Queens Park Rangers	4	5	2	1	2	9	6	7	
Aston Villa	4	5	2	1	2	7	6	7	
Leeds	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Southampton	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Nottingham Forest	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Chelsea	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Sunderland	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Coventry	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Wolverhampton	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Norwich	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Everton	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Sheffield United	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
Derby	4	5	2	1	2	6	5	7	
English division two									
Oldham	4	5	5	0	0	12	3	15	
Sheffield Wednesday	4	4	4	0	0	10	4	12	
Millwall	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Nottingham Forest	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Leeds	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Manchester City	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Queens Park Rangers	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Southampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Sunderland	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Blackburn	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Brighton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Swindon	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Ipswich	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Wolverhampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Plymouth	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Port Vale	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Barnsley	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Nottingham Forest	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Blackburn	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Leicester	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Sheffield Wednesday	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Wolverhampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Derby	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Scottish premier division									
Dundee United	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Aberdeen	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Rangers	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Hearts	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
St Johnstone	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Celtic	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Hibernian	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
English division three									
Southend	4	4	4	0	0	12	6	12	
Birmingham	4	4	4	0	0	6	1	12	
Gillingham	4	4	3	1	0	10	6	10	
Exeter	4	4	3	1	0	7	4	7	
Tranmere	4	4	2	1	1	8	4	7	
Stoke	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bury	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bradford	4	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	
Chester	4	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	
Leyton Orient	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bolton	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Reading	4	4	2	1	1	9	8	5	
Brentford	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Huddersfield	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Rotherham	4	4	1	1	2	4	3	5	
Coventry	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Swansea	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Shrewsbury	4	4	0	3	1	5	6	3	
Fulham	4	4	0	3	1	3	5	3	
Bournemouth	4	4	0	3	1	2	4	3	
Hansfield	4	4	0	1	3	3	6	3	
Wigan	4	4	0	1	3	6	9	1	
Crawley	4	4	0	1	3	6	9	1	
Preston	4	4	0	1	3	6	13	1	
English division four									
Doncaster	4	4	4	0	0	10	3	12	
Norampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	5	10	
Torquay	4	4	2	2	0	10	6	8	
Darlington	4	4	2	1	1	8	4	7	
Rochdale	4	4	2	1	1	5	3	7	
Scarborough	4	4	2	1	1	4	7	4	
Halsdon	4	4	2	0	2	8	3	5	
Hereford	4	4	2	0	2	7	5	6	
Cardiff	4	4	1	3	0	5	3	6	
Gillingham	4	4	1	2	1	5	3	6	
Stokeport	4	4	1	2	1	5	3	6	
Lincoln	3	1	2	0	3	2	5		
Burnley	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Blackpool	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Peterborough	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Carlisle	4	1	2	1	2	6	8		
Wrexham	4	1	2	1	2	6	9		
Southampton	4	1	2	1	2	6	10		
Aldershot	4	1	1	1	2	4	13		
Walsall	4	0	3	1	4	7	3		
Chertseyfield	4	1	0	3	3	6	3		
Hartlepool	3	1	0	2	3	7	3		
Halifax	4	0	3	3	3	5	1		
York	2	0	2	0	2	0	3		
Scottish division one									
Airdrieonians	4	4	0	0	15	4	8		
Dundee	4	3	1	0	8	3	7		
Hamilton	4	3	1	0	6	1	7		
Raith	4	2	2	0	7	2	6		
Clydebank	4	3	0	1	6	4	6		
Ayr	4	1	3	0	4	3	5		
Fartick	4	1	2	1	6	5	4		
Headonbank	4	1	2	1	6	5	4		
Forfar	4	1	2	1	4	8	4		
English division two									
Oldham	4	5	5	0	0	12	3	15	
Sheffield Wednesday	4	4	4	0	0	10	4	12	
Millwall	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Nottingham Forest	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Leeds	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Manchester City	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Queens Park Rangers	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Southampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Sunderland	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Blackburn	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Brighton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Swindon	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Ipswich	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Wolverhampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Plymouth	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Port Vale	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
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Blackburn	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Leicester	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Sheffield Wednesday	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Wolverhampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Derby	4	4	3	1	0	9	7	10	
Scottish premier division									
Dundee United	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Aberdeen	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Rangers	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Hearts	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
St Johnstone	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Celtic	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
Hibernian	4	4	2	2	0	7	2	7	
English division three									
Southend	4	4	4	0	0	12	6	12	
Birmingham	4	4	4	0	0	6	1	12	
Gillingham	4	4	3	1	0	10	6	10	
Exeter	4	4	3	1	0	7	4	7	
Tranmere	4	4	2	1	1	8	4	7	
Stoke	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bury	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bradford	4	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	
Chester	4	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	
Leyton Orient	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Bolton	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Reading	4	4	2	1	1	9	8	5	
Brentford	4	4	2	1	1	6	4	7	
Huddersfield	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Rotherham	4	4	1	1	2	4	3	5	
Coventry	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Swansea	4	4	1	1	2	5	3	5	
Shrewsbury	4	4	0	3	1	5	6	3	
Fulham	4	4	0	3	1	3	5	3	
Bournemouth	4	4	0	3	1	2	4	3	
Hansfield	4	4	0	1	3	3	6	3	
Wigan	4	4	0	1	3	6	9	1	
Crawley	4	4	0	1	3	6	9	1	
Preston	4	4	0	1	3	6	13	1	
English division four									
Doncaster	4	4	4	0	0	10	3	12	
Norampton	4	4	3	1	0	9	5	10	
Torquay	4	4	2	2	0	10	6	8	
Darlington	4	4	2	1	1	8	4	7	
Rochdale	4	4	2	1	1	5	3	7	
Scarborough	4	4	2	1	1	4	7	4	
Halsdon	4	4	2	0	2	8	3	5	
Hereford	4	4	2	0	2	7	5	6	
Cardiff	4	4	1	3	0	5	3	6	
Gillingham	4	4	1	2	1	5	3	6	
Stokeport	4	4	1	2	1	5	3	6	
Lincoln	3	1	2	0	3	2	5		
Burnley	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Blackpool	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Peterborough	4	1	2	1	2	4	4		
Carlisle	4	1	2	1	2	6	8		
Wrexham	4	1	2	1	2	6	9		
Southampton	4	1	2	1	2	6	10		
Aldershot	4	1	1	1	2	4	13		
Walsall	4	0	3	1	4	7	3		
Chertseyfield	4	1	0	3	3	6	3		
Hartlepool	3	1	0	2	3	7	3		
Halifax	4	0	3	3	3	5	1		
York	2	0	2	0	2	0	3		
Scottish division one									
Airdrieonians	4	4	0	0	15	4	8		
Dundee	4	3	1	0	8	3	7		
Hamilton	4	3	1	0	6	1	7		
Raith	4	2	2	0	7	2	6		
Clydebank	4	3	0	1	6	4	6		
Ayr	4	1	3	0	4	3	5		
Fartick	4	1	2	1	6	5	4		
Headonbank	4	1	2	1	6	5	4		
Forfar	4	1	2	1	4	8	4		



**SUPPORTS
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VIC SENIORS

VIC STATE RESERVES

B. Juventus	34	25	4	5	105	25	54
Altona Gate	34	23	7	4	81	22	53
H.berg City	34	22	7	5	77	24	51
Morwell	34	19	6	6	64	36	47
Fawkner	34	19	5	10	89	43	43
Bulleen	34	16	10	8	68	41	42
St Albans	34	19	2	13	38	34	40
Thomastown	34	14	9	11	56	40	37
N.ots City	34	15	6	13	57	36	35
Croydon City	34	14	7	12	58	35	35
Cauffield	34	16	2	16	61	54	34
R. Wood City	34	11	5	18	42	69	27
Green Gully	34	10	6	18	53	67	25
Box Hill	34	10	6	18	37	56	25
Mooroolbark	34	4	10	20	17	70	16
F.oton Pines	34	3	8	23	47	98	14
Albion	34	3	8	23	27	94	14
M.our City	34	4	5	24	31	127	13

VIC DIV ONE FIRSTS

Springvale City	25	15	7	3	45	23	37
Doveton	25	15	7	3	40	21	37
Oakleigh	25	16	4	5	46	28	33
Westgate	25	12	7	6	42	24	31
Port Melbourne	25	14	6	3	29	29	28
Knox City	25	11	6	8	36	24	28
N. Geelong	25	7	10	5	45	39	25
Western Suburbs	25	7	10	5	45	39	25
Werribee	25	7	11	3	33	21	22
Essendon City	25	7	11	3	33	21	22
Mordialloc	25	7	11	3	33	21	22
Marib. Polonia	25	3	12	10	26	20	18
Sandringham	25	5	4	16	18	41	14
Broadmeadows	25	3	4	16	18	41	14

VIC DIV ONE RESERVES

Doveton	25	18	7	0	71	19	43
N. Geelong	25	16	2	5	66	28	34
Port Melbourne	25	14	5	6	50	28	33
Oakleigh	25	13	7	5	47	27	33
Springvale City	25	13	4	8	25	30	30
Essendon City	25	10	6	9	42	33	26
Marib. Polonia	24	9	6	9	38	24	26
Knox City	23	9	5	9	45	27	23
Werribee	24	7	11	3	39	28	24
Western Suburbs	24	8	13	4	51	19	19
Broadmeadows	24	8	13	4	51	19	19
Sandringham	24	5	4	15	25	53	14
Westgate	25	4	16	17	25	64	14
Mordialloc	25	3	4	16	25	79	10

VIC DIV TWO FIRSTS

Brighton	25	16	4	5	44	27	36
Keller	25	17	1	7	52	25	35
Bell Park	25	13	9	3	36	13	35
Chelsea	25	10	8	7	40	38	28
Nunawad. City	25	9	7	3	32	27	26
Clifton Hill	25	10	6	7	38	28	26
Doncaster	25	7	11	7	30	30	26
Waverley City	25	8	8	9	34	28	24
Geelong	25	9	10	28	27	24	24
Dandenong	25	9	6	15	35	43	23
Sunbury United	25	8	11	17	37	32	22
Richmond	25	6	7	17	25	21	21
Coburg	25	5	3	17	23	60	13
Ringwood Utd.	25	2	7	16	23	55	11

VIC DIV TWO RESERVES

Clifton Hill	24	17	3	4	59	28	37
Doncaster	24	15	6	3	58	22	36
Waverley City	25	16	4	5	56	23	36
Brighton	25	15	5	4	58	24	34
Keller	24	14	6	4	58	24	34
Sunbury Utd.	25	12	4	9	39	28	28
Bell Park	25	10	7	8	38	27	27
Dandenong	25	9	5	11	37	37	23
Richmond	25	9	4	12	70	50	22
Nunawad. City	24	8	4	12	49	38	20
Geelong	24	8	4	12	37	41	20
Chelsea	25	5	2	18	21	82	12
Coburg	24	4	1	19	27	86	9
Ringwood Utd.	25	2	1	22	13	97	5

VIC DIV THREE FIRSTS

Bentleigh Green	25	17	5	2	49	24	40
Altona City	25	16	6	3	62	31	38
Holland Park	25	13	7	5	50	27	33
Seaford United	25	12	5	8	48	34	29
Clarendon	24	10	7	7	26	20	27
Corio-Geelong	25	7	11	7	39	25	25
Heidelberg City	25	7	11	7	39	25	25
Lalor United	25	8	8	9	37	37	24
Clayton	25	7	9	9	42	42	23
Moorabbin City	25	6	9	10	23	31	21
El. Diam. Valley	24	6	7	11	24	19	19
Springvale Utd.	25	7	4	14	27	56	18
Mornington	25	5	4	16	32	53	14
Yarraville	25	2	8	15	16	49	12

VIC DIV THREE RESERVES

Lalor United	25	17	5	3	48	28	39
Moorabbin City	25	15	5	6	26	35	35
Altona City	25	17	1	7	56	32	35
Clayton	25	14	4	6	55	19	34
Seaford United	25	14	5	6	59	33	33
El. Diam. Valley	25	12	5	8	55	41	29
Clarendon	25	12	2	11	44	39	26
Bentleigh Green	25	7	8	10	47	55	22
Corio-Geelong	25	9	3	13	49	61	21
Heidelberg City	25	7	5	13	41	49	19
Springvale Utd.	25	6	5	14	47	64	17
Mornington	25	7	1	17	31	70	15

VIC DIV FOUR FIRSTS

E. Bruns-Ivan	25	16	6	3	50	20	38
Pascoe Vale	25	15	6	3	50	27	38
Oakleigh Subs.	24	14	7	3	48	26	35
Spring. Condors	25	14	3	8	48	22	31
Regent	25	12	5	8	48	28	29
MoreParkRang.	25	8	10	7	30	33	26
Hawthorn	25	10	4	11	44	38	24
Langwarrin	25	8	7	10	23	27	23
Karingal Utd.	25	7	8	10	37	44	22
Hamlyn Rang.s	25	6	10	9	37	48	22
Boronia	24	6	6	12	30	54	18
Rosanna	25	6	5	14	27	45	17
Ferntree Gully	25	3	10	12	25	50	16
Yallourn	25	1	7	17	24	59	9

VIC DIV FOUR RESERVES

East Bruns-Ivan	25	20	4	1	66	20	44
Langwarrin	25	15	4	6	61	31	34
Spring. Condors	24	13	4	7	60	33	30
Karingal Utd.	25	12	6	7	54	29	30
Hamlyn Rang.s	24	13	4	7	49	32	30
MoreParkRang.	24	10	9	5	46	31	29
Pascoe Vale	25	11	7	7	34	30	29
Hawthorn	25	11	2	12	62	24	24
Boronia	25	6	11	8	29	33	23
Ferntree Gully	25	6	13	31	52	18	18
Oakleigh Subs.	25	6	5	14	38	46	17
Rosanna	25	5	6	13	32	46	17
Regent	24	5	6	13	35	36	16
Yallourn	25	1	3	21	10	99	5

VIC PROV ONE FIRSTS

St. H. Dandenong	25	15	7	3	60	28	37
Cranebourne	25	16	4	5	38	13	36
St. Werribee	25	14	7	4	60	34	35
Malvern City	25	13	5	7	51	28	31
Nth. Sunshine	25	12	6	7	41	29	30
Altona East	25	11	6	9	35	28	28
Williamstown	25	8	10	8	35	26	26
Melton	25	9	6	10	45	37	34
Brunswick City	26	7	9	10	32	46	23
Westvale	26	7	8	11	31	46	22
Berwick City	25	6	9	10	43	36	21
Forest Hill	25	9	13	39	44	19	19
East Geelong	25	5	9	11	28	43	19
M. Mel. Rang.	25	4	6	15	25	54	14
Keysborough	25	3	5	17	19	74	11

VIC PROV ONE RESERVES

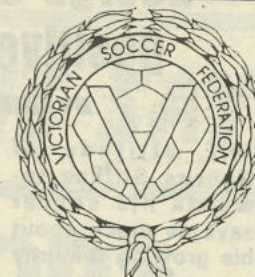
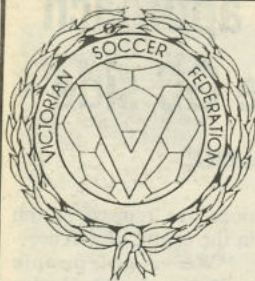
Malvern City	24	17	4	3	78	41	38
St. H. Dandenong	25	15	3	7	56	30	33
Westvale	26	12	9	5	42	32	33
Williamstown	26	13	7	6	49	44	33
Nth. Sunshine	25	12	7	6	48	25	31
Melton	25	11	8	6	40	33	29
St. Werribee	24	11	8	6	40	33	29
Altona East	26	11	5	10	56	47	27
Mossfield Ranger	25	10	6	9	35	38	26
Berwick City	25	9	4	12	40	52	22
Cranebourne	25	8	4	13	47	46	20
East Geelong	25	7	6	12	37	52	20
Forest Hill	25	4	6	15	29	59	14
Brunswick City	26	2	6	18	25	63	10
Keysborough	25	3	4	18	24	69	10

VIC PROV TWO FIRSTS

Frankston Utd.	27	20	4	3	66	27	44
Sth. Springvale	26	19	5	2	61	20	41
Lalor	27	16	6	5	56	29	38
Ascot St. Marks	27	16	4	7	62	30	36
Lyndale Utd.	27	15	5	7	57	40	35
Ballaarat	27	13	8	6	46	28	34
Meadow Park	27	13	5	9	50	54	31
Brintons	27	11	5	11	39	45	27
Brandon Park	27	7	8	11	30	37	22
Port United	27	7	6	14	32	56	20
Fitzroy City	27	7	13	29	40	21	21
Port United	27	7	6	14	32	56	20
Waverley Utd.	26	7	4	15	33	47	18
Unif. of Melb.	27	6	6	15	30	46	18
South Yarra	27	4	6	17	26	53	14
Kew Eagles	27	5	4	18	34	70	14
R. Wood Rovers	26	4	5	17	24	53	13

VIC PROV TWO RESERVES

th. Springvale	27	16	5	4	75	30	41
Meadow Park	27	15	7	5	55	37	34
Unif. of Melb.	27	15	4	8	59	33	34
Frankston Utd.	26	14	6	3	68	18	34
Ascot St. Marks	26	14	2	10	59	44	30
Lyndale Utd.	26	12	6	8	40	36	30
Waverley Utd.	26	10	5	11	37	49	25
Brintons	27	7	8	12	29	41	22
Port United	26	9	4	12	37	54	22
Elzroy City	26	10	2	14	46	21	22
Alor	27	6	9	12	39	37	21
London Park	27	7	7	13	40	51	21
Yarra Yarra	27	8	4	15	51	63	20
Wood Rovers	26	6	6	14	32	62	19
New Eagles	27	1	17	19	21	71	9



VIC HEALTH GOLD CUP

Croydon City strikes gold

BY DAVID BULLOCK

A goal from David Klepac in the last minute of extra-time enabled Croydon City to surprisingly bundle Melbourne Croatia out of the Gold Cup with a 2-1 scoreline last Tuesday night.

Melbourne Croatia stunned Croydon in the opening 30 seconds when Marko Silic scored with a crisp shot from close range after Mark Talajich had headed the ball down from a Josip Biskic corner kick from the right.

Tragedy struck Croydon in the 14th minute when Stuart McArthur was carried from the ground on a stretcher after injuring his right knee in an accidental collision.

Two minutes later, referee Dennis Voutsinas

booked Croatia defender Andrew Marth and Croydon striker Andy Humble after both players were involved in a jostling confrontation.

Humble proved why he is such a lethal finisher when, in the 83rd minute, he intercepted a back pass from Marth and with only keeper David Miller to beat, clinically tucked the ball into the back of the net.

With the scores locked at 1-1 at the end of 90 minutes, the match was taken into extra-time.

The first period produced little creativity until the final minute when both sides were reduced to 10 men.

Referee Voutsinas, after conferring with his linesman, gave Marth and Humble their marching orders for their second bookable offence of the



Up an over! Morwell keeper Dave Reynolds can't stop this looping effort from Heidelberg's Paul Lewis — Photo by Joe Montemurro.

match.

With one minute remaining in the second period of extra-time, Croydon clinched a berth in the semi-finals when Nick van Egmond found David Klepac with a well weighted through ball.

Eluding the pursuit of two defenders, Klepac fired his shot into

the back of the net, giving Miller no chance.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller, Donnelly, Bergham, Marth, Hannah, Silic, Talajic, Biskic, Kelic (Jerbic 100th), Caleta (Bacak 90th), Awaritefe.

CROYDON CITY: McKinlay, Brack, Runje, McMillan, Field, van Egmond, McArthur (Gabielsen 14th), Dougherty, Humble, Klepac, Brimmer (Harris 61st — Malcolm 106th).

Satisfaction for Steve Smith

BY DAVID BULLOCK

TWO goals in as many minutes from Steve Smith sent his former club Preston crashing out of Gold Cup 2-0 in the second match of the double-header played at Olympic Park.

Released by Preston in April for \$16,000, Smith produced all the qualities that has made him such a lethal striker and he took great satisfaction reflecting on his performance.

The first half proved to be a dull and lifeless affair with neither side able to assert its authority on the match.

Juventus opened up the second half with more urgency about their game.

Scott Patterson and Damien Mori, on the left and right flanks respectively, began to create headaches for the Preston defence with some dashing attacks.

Smith came close to opening the scoring for Juventus in the 55th minute when he turned sharply inside the box, hitting his shot just over the cross bar.

One minute later, he made amends when he hit a crisp shot from just inside the area

past Preston keeper Phil Traianedes after collecting a well weighted pass from Patterson, to put Juventus ahead.

Smith was on target again two minutes later after a long

through ball from Fausto De Amicis found Smith wide on the left.

Taking the ball inside the box, he hit a angled shot crashing into the top right hand corner giving

Traianedes no chance.

PRESTON: Traianedes, Spasevski, Jolevski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Petrov, R. Markovac, Spink, J. Markovac (Ristevski 68th), Beklaris (Zinni 68th).

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Mooroolbark continues in winning vein

BY GREG BLAKE

GRAHAM French-coached Mooroolbark continued its remarkable late season run on Sunday as it booked a berth in tonight's (Wednesday) Dockerty Cup semi-finals at the expense of QNSL side Preston.

Mooroolbark, which won eight and drew one of its final nine league fixtures to clinch a place in the proposed 1991 Victorian Premier League, downed Preston 2-1 to advance to the cup semi-finals and a showdown with Melbourne Croatia.

In the second of two quarter-finals played on Sunday at Green Gully Reserve a new-look Sunshine George Cross — minus Ernie Tapai — disposed of Morwell Falcons 2-0.

George Cross will play Brunswick Juventus in another NSL ver-

sus State League semi-final match-up at Olympic Park tonight.

Preston, which bowed out of the Gold Cup to State League Juventus last Tuesday night, found itself in trouble again on Sunday against an inspired Mooroolbark team which won eleven of its last dozen league and cup fixtures.

The Barkers clearly outgunned Preston for the first 50 minutes of the game and deservedly led 2-0 after goals from Greg House, after 15 minutes, and Barry Burton some 32 minutes in.

With Aussie youth star Chris Trajanovski starting to make his presence felt in his debut game for Preston, the NSL side fought back to make a game of it but had to be content with a single goal from former skipper George Petrov.

The talking point after Sunshine's 2-0 win

over Morwell in the other quarter-final was the continued absence of Ernie Tapai from the red and whites' squad.

Tapai, who didn't train with Sunshine last Thursday night, is thought to be the target of Adelaide City and one source on Sunday evening told ASW that a concrete offer of \$15,000 had been made by that club for his services.

Sunshine officials denied that the midfield star was up for grabs and said Tapai had "phoned in sick" prior to Sunday's cup tie.

Either way it prevented George Cross from powering away from an undermanned Morwell side.

With Lorenz Kindtner playing a key role Sunshine, which fielded new signings Derek Hunter and Troy Cranney and used a third, Jason Koliba off

the bench, was able to cruise to a 2-0 win.

Hunter, who made an impressive debut, scored Sunshine's 50th minute opener with a glorious header from an Ian Roodhouse free kick and Chris Ketsakidis made it 2-0 on the hour.

MOOROOLBARK: Long, Beale, Kincaid (French 31), Campbell, Priestley, Burton, O'Shea, House, McCullum, Brogan, Heys.

PRESTON: Traianedes, Spasevski, Jolevski, Jackson, Parton, Tasevski, Petrov, R. Markovac, Spink, Trajanovski, Zinni (Beklaris 90).

SUNSHINE: Keogh, Fabrizio, Roodhouse, Ketsakidis, Waddell, Kindtner, Cranney, Hunter, Foster (Koliba 75), Clarkson, Zacharias.

MORWELL: Reynolds, Bingham, Dick, Cain, Bruns, Pender, McBride, McGrellis (Byrne 80), Wright (A. Cassar 46), Scott, E. Cassar.

HEIDELBERG TROUNCES HELLAS

HEIDELBERG was just one point behind Adelaide Hellas after three rounds of the round-robin NSL promotion series after victory last Wednesday over Adelaide Hellas.

Heidelberg powered its way to National Soccer League promotion favouritism for the coming summer season as it won 4-1 at Olympic Park.

An 11th minute goal by Angie Goutzoulis started the rout for Heidelberg, with one goal from Garry McDowall and two from Paul Lewis completing the victory.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver, Kanesoulis, Iliopoulos, McDowall, Cannell, Herd, Stubbins, Carter, (Tsikiris 83), Goutzoulis, Stevenson (Silikas 82), Lewis.

WEST ADELAIDE: Pezzano, Watkins, Heirn, Carter, Mills, Kokkinopitis (Mousoulis 18), Capasso, Brazzale (Ketmanidis 70), Rankin, Blair.

SCORERS: Goutzoulis 11, McDowall 48, Lewis 51 and 80 for Heidelberg; Heirn penalty 50 for Hellas.

YELLOW CARDS: McDowall 9, Cannell 58, Carter 63 for Heidelberg; Mousoulis 23, Heirn 51 for Hellas.

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DOCKERTY CUP

Hellas humiliated

BY DAVID BULLOCK

BRUNSWICK Juventus clinched a berth in the semi-finals of the Dockerty Cup when they completely destroyed holders South Melbourne Hellas in humiliating fashion.

Damien Mori, who crossed over to Juventus from Hellas midway through the State League season, turned in a match-winning performance against his old club.

Referee Ziggy Mnich awarded Juventus a penalty in the 32nd minute when Smith was brought down inside the area by Steve Blair.

Lane stepped up to the spot and blasted his shot into the roof of the net giving young keeper Mike Lilikas, deputising for Bruce McLaren, no chance.

Hellas hit back two minutes later, when Taliadoros slipped in behind the Juventus defence to tuck the ball past keeper Pat Maramma.

Seven minutes later Juventus regained the lead when a long throw from Mori was headed on by Scott Patterson into the path of Smith, who rifled his shot from close range past a hapless Lilikas.

Within a minute, Smith came close to scoring again when his powerful shot on goal was awkwardly parried back into his path by Lilikas, but Smith with a second chance to put the ball away missed his target by inches.

Juventus increased their lead in the opening minute of the second half when Mori hit a firm shot into the back of the net after the ball had spilled free inside the area from Smith's attempt on goal.

In the 55th minute, Patterson sent Hellas fans flooding towards the exits when he got on the end of a Martin

Woodall through ball, shaking off two defenders. Patterson with only the keeper to beat, rounded the lunging Lilikas and tapped the ball into the back of the net.

Hellas scored a consolation goal 12 minutes from full time when Juventus keeper Maramma failed to hold on to a crisp shot from Mike Petersen, as the ball spilled free, Taliadoros was on hand to tap the ball into the back of the net.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Lilikas, Healy, Postecoglou, Durakovic, Blair, Wade, Taliadoros, Petersen, Trimballi, Tassios (Wright 63rd), Tsolakis.

BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS: Maramma, Marley, Mori, Della Rocca, De Amicis (Grillo 76th), Lane, Woodall, Doyle, Sabatino, Patterson, Smith.

CAULFIELD

EXTENDS

CROATIA

MELBOURNE Croatia won their way through to the semi-finals after defeating Caulfield City in a penalty shoot-out after the scores were locked at 2-2 at the end of extra-time.

Caulfield City belied their lowly State League position as they outplayed their more credentialed opponents for the entire match.

Croatia welcomed back the inclusion of Ivan Duzel, Theo Selemidis and Branko Milosevic into the side that was knocked out of the Gold Cup by Croydon City.

Caretaker coach, George Hannah put Croatia ahead in the 35th minute when he scored from close range after Caulfield keeper Dean Anastadiadis parried a fiercely hit free kick from Duzel into his path.

Caulfield hit back 11 minutes into the second half. George Kalegeros floated a free kick from the left into the box, Greg Bratten climbed above two defenders to hit a crisp header into the bottom right hand corner.

In the 81st minute Croatia regained the lead through Francis Awaritefe.

Showing tremendous fighting spirit, Caulfield equalised in the 88th minute when Con Pappas ran onto a pass from Kalegeros and hit a crisp scoring shot to take the match into extra time.

Two periods of extra-time failed to break the deadlock and the match was taken into a penalty shoot-out.

But at that stage Croatia came up trumps, netting three penalties to nil.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Rados, Talajic, Bergham, Selemidis, Hannah, Silic, Milosevic (Bacak 27th), Biskic, Kelic (Caleta 69th), Duzel, Awaritefe.

CAULFIELD CITY: Anastadiadis, Filippou, Dimitrelos (Gymnopoulos 84th), Kriakopoulos, Tsiakos, Argiriou, Papadopoulos (Romero 84th), Kalegeros, Donnelly, Pappas, Bratten.

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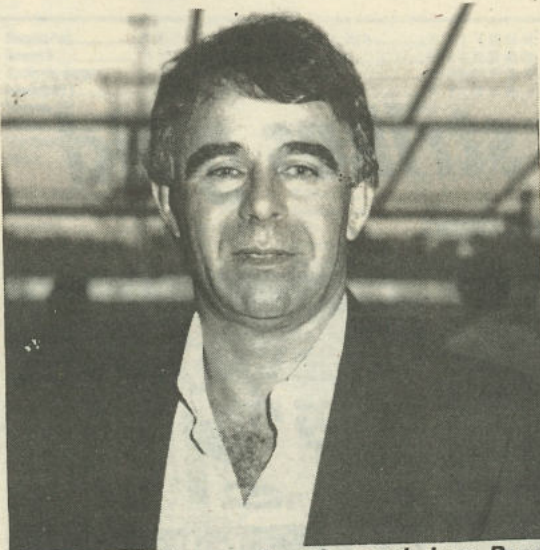
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And the mercurial Adzic still might be destined to return should his injury-plagued stint with Dinamo Zagreb continue as it has done.

And that would be good news, according to veteran and interim coach George Hannah, who, incidentally, is saddling up for another season at the top level.

"You could not over-emphasise the importance of Gerry," says Hannah.

"He was simply a one off."

Hannah was also pleased with the news that goalkeeper David Miller was set for another season between the sticks after trials at Glasgow Rangers.

Miller has returned with an open-ended invitation to return to Rangers but Hannah is clearly pleased that he will be literally behind him all the way in defence when the season gets underway.

"I'm glad he's back — he is a fine goalkeeper and he could make the grade in Scotland," Hannah told ASW.

As for Raznejevic and Markovski, their losses will not be felt as greatly as that of Adzic.

"Ivan built a fine team but I think it got to the stage where he couldn't do much more with it," Hannah explained.

"It was a difficult year for him last year with his family circumstances and, to be honest, I don't think we played as well last season as we did in our first year he was in charge.

"Jonesy's (Markovski) move came as a shock.

"But if he wanted to go to a club, Marconi is the best club to go to and I wish him good luck.

"Last year wasn't the best for him — he had a lot of pressure on him and the supporters were very vocal and gave him a hard time.

"He did his hamstring in round seven against Melita and didn't get back to form after that.

"The change will do him good."

Hannah says that the situation at the club isn't as bad as the press had made it out to be.

While he admits the club AGM was held at the wrong time of the year, thus meaning the out-going committee could do little positive decision-making during the off-season, Hannah says that pre-season work has been good and the attitude of the senior squad has been the same.

"There's always great enthusiasm when the season is starting and if we are not in the finals again the players will certainly consider the season a failure," he told ASW.

"Once you get a taste of finals soccer you realise that that's what it is all about.

"We've certainly had that feeling over the last two years and there would be nothing nicer than getting in there again."

Businesslike approach for Sunshine GC side

BY GREG BLAKE

SUNSHINE George Cross is getting tough.

One of the perennial easy-beats of the league is no longer about to be pushed around by the top dogs and the message from the club is clearly that the days of 'Sunshine bashing' are over.

Sunshine, which in recent years has had to farm out the likes of John Markovski and Paul Trimboli to stay alive, is taking a hard line to the vultures keen to pick out its eyes.

There was a real sense of anger and indignation when South Melbourne Hellas attempted to coax Ernie Tapai down to Middle Park less than 12 months after Sunshine had virtually resurrected his NSL career.

"I think the way to describe it (the new attitude) is that the club is getting an air of professionalism about it and that we will be dealing like that in future," says full-time club manager Gary Hasler.

"And we are not, by the way, financially stricken, as has been suggested in the press," he said, in reference to a story written by your humble correspondent.

"We are simply using common sense and not letting the dollar run soccer."

Not that there haven't been changes on the staff at Sunshine over the off season.

Former skipper Shaun Parton and ex-coach John Gardiner left for Preston.

Craig Foster joined West German third division club KSV Hessen Kassall but he could be back after breaking into the squad without getting onto the field.

Former Weinstein Medal winner John Campbell will also be a non-starter for 1990/91.

After a contractual dispute Hasler says there is "no way back" for the 1981 Victorian Junior Player of the Year.

And Kevin Muscat is off to the AIS.

But the player losses are not substantial in light of the bright new sparks on the Sunshine horizon.

Young stars Troy Cranney and Jason Koliba join the club acclaimed over the years for its fostering of young talent.

"And they're no dummies if they are playing for the Australian youth team," says Hasler.

Tenacious six-foot striker Derek Hunter is apparently moving well at training and might be the club's answer to its less than satisfactory goals total for last season.

Sunshine is also on the verge of signing a Scottish first division midfielder, and the club is also "looking at op-

tions" to replace Parton in the centre of defence.

"We've got people well in mind," Hasler assured ASW.

No doubt the best news for club stalwarts is that arguably Victoria's best goalkeeper Sean Keogh has re-signed with the club.

Keogh was welcomed back into the fold with open arms and has been appointed skipper for the new season.



SEAN KEOGH

"He's a very good goalkeeper and his experience is certainly something we will need," Hasler explained.

Another virtual 'recruit' is Ossie Latif.

The speedster crashed home five goals in his first six games of last season before a crippling knee injury put him out for the remainder of the campaign.

His knee now reconstructed, Latif is back at training and, according to his specialist, the joint should be stronger than ever.

"His biggest hurdle will be purely psychological," says Hasler.

"The hardest part for him will be taking the first knock and getting up again."

David Clarkson also returns after missing the bulk of last season's campaign with a groin injury.

As always the accent is still very much on the youth of the club with its ambitious youth development program, involving Hasler, coach Merrick, assistant Ian Greener and youth team boss Kit Greechan expected to unearth more talent in the seasons to come.

With Cranney and Koliba joining the likes of Wayne Attard, Lorenz Kindtner, Frank Tallia as probable first teamers, Sunshine will have no shortage of youthful exuberance to draw on in the clinches.

"The good thing is that senior players will be looking over their shoulders to hold their positions," says Hasler.

Sunshine, now apparently debt free and building support at the new Skinner Reserve home base, is on the road to a more exciting future.

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CHRIS KALANTZIS

Exiles demand new approach

The United States Soccer Federation, host of the 1994 World Cup, has held preliminary discussions with Mexican officials about placing the US national team in the Mexican First Division next year.

They have also explored the possibilities of including the team in a top Brazilian league or playing a series of matches against European teams.

Alternatively, the USSF is seeking permission for its national team to play in an extensive series of European Summer Cups during the off-season.

As the US does not have a National League, its unique elite or national team development for 1994 involves placing as many players as possible with foreign club teams, the remainder, all of whom are contracted to the USSF, playing a series of exhibition matches.

The USA's attempts to come to grips with its unusual situation of no National League and a host of overseas-based players has, I believe, a strong message for the Socceroos.

How do you prepare a national team when the players, or most of them, are based on the other side of the world?

In the wake of their historic two-match defeats to South Korea in four days, and the intention of coach Eddie Thomson to base his 1994 World Cup team on his overseas players, perhaps any proposed programme should consider concentrating our efforts in Europe rather than in Australia.

Of the 30-odd Aussies now in Europe Thomson intends using eight or nine as the hard core of his team.

That number could well increase should any of his leading locals move overseas,

as is likely, between now and the World Cup qualifiers in 1993.

If Thomson really wants to base his team on expatriates, the Socceroos could do worse than base their regular preparation in Europe during the European off-season.

The local contingent of Socceroos would also be free from National League commitments at that time of the year.

The Aussie Europeans being joined by a lesser number of local-based players in Europe would be economically attractive, as opposed to bringing all the Euro-Aussies back to Australia.

Another important factor in basing the preparations in Europe would be the unlimited number of quality opponents — either national or club sides — available as sparring partners.

Significantly, Europe also offers a host of tournaments which the Socceroos could participate in.

Tournament preparation is vital for any Socceroo team as it is the basis upon which Olympic Games and World Cup qualifications and finals are founded.

Tournaments demand consistent performances to succeed as opposed to a one-off effort required in friendly games.

The economics, availability of quality opponents, access to most of our leading players and tournament participation are all substantial considerations to suggest Australia's World Cup efforts are centred in Europe rather than in Australia.

SIMPLICITY, speed and skill will be the hallmarks of the Eddie Thomson reign as Australian national coach.

That era effectively kicked off with the recent two-match tour of South Korea where the Socceroos lost 1-0 in Seoul and Pusan.

But the three 'S', despite the disappointments of South Korea, are what Thomson is seeking.

Only players with speed, skill and simplicity need have national team ambitions, according to Thomson who says 'everyone must be able to play' and that 'the days of players selected in the national team who can only destroy and not create are over.'

"Australia can defend against anyone and is not intimidated by anyone," said Thomson as we spoke in the Tower Hotel in Seoul, headquarters of the Socceroos prior to the first South Korean game.

"We need 10 mobile, skilled field players who can threaten our opponents' goal," he said in a statement that reflects what most coaches in the world would endorse.

Forgetting the tactical jargon which over-complicates the world game, football tactics are quite simple.

What do we do when we have the ball and what do we do when we lose it.

Of the two tasks when we lose the ball is the easier skill as it requires discipline, organisation, fitness and defensive co-operation — skills Australian teams have always possessed quite simply because they are the easier to master.

It is this fact that Thomson alludes to when saying we can defend.

When we have the ball, when we attack, is where Thomson, the Socceroos and most teams have problems.

Unique skills, creativity, improvisation, quality finishing and combined attacking thrusts are the scarce skills of the game.

In this respect it is a start that Thomson wants all field players to be "total players."

The new-look Socceroos — only Paul Wade from the previous 1989 World Cup qualifying starting line-ups took the field in the opening game in Korea — may not provide many players for Thomson's ultimate team for the 1994



Eddie Krncevic (right) in action for Australia against Israel at the Sydney Football Stadium in April 1989. Since moving to Europe in the early 80s, his Socceroo appearances have been infrequent, but Eddie Thomson may call on him again.

World Cup qualifiers.

Thomson intends using 'eight or nine' players based in Europe for the qualifiers.

Included in that list are Frank Farina, Vlado Bozinovski, Jason Polak, Chris Kalantzis, Jim Patikas, Robbie Slater, Graham Arnold and either or both Eddie Krncevic and David Mitchell.

Thomson will continue with the 'revolutionary' Frank Arok system introduced some nine years ago in terms of tactical approach to future games.

That is one sweeper or libero behind two defensive markers, five midfielders, the two flank ones who will double as wingers, and a striker.

In this line-up, Thomson has two headaches — sweeper and midfield playmaker.

He has yet to decide on the 'Charlie Yan-ko' and 'Oscar Crino' of the 1994 Socceroos.

In goal, Adelaide City's Robert Zabica has established himself as

the number one keeper, especially following two superb games against the Koreans.

Tony Franken is Thomson's number two choice though the Aussie coach sees St George's Olympian John Filan throwing out a strong challenge to both Zabica and Franken.

Thomson does not see Manchester United's Mark Bosnich threatening this trio in the foreseeable future.

Sweeper is a problem — of sorts.

Tony Sypridakos and Robbie Hooker had a game each in Korea.

However, Thomson raves about the talent of Canberra Croatia's Ned Zelic as does anyone else who has seen this immensely talented youngster strut his stuff.

Perhaps youth will go against Zelic for such an important role, though Thomson suggests Zelic will get

a run in the next Socceroo outing, whenever that might be.

Another option at sweeper is Alan Davidson.

Thomson is keen to tempt Davo out of retirement, which if successful could see Davidson as sweeper and Socceroo captain.

Sydney Olympic's Andrew Bernal, along with Zabica one of the success stories from Korea, has Thomson's blessing as one of the central defenders.

The other defensive marking position, according to Thomson, is up for grabs, though Alex Tobin has the rails run.

Two foreign-based Socceroos — Bozinovski on the right side and Kalantzis on the left — are favoured by Thomson to fill the wide midfield spots.

In the three midfield central roles, there are a host of possibilities in Thomson's mind.

He makes no secret of his admiration for the young duo of Ernie

Tapai and Branko Milosevic.

He would also like to use Patikas and Polak.

Throw in skipper Wade, who played a real captain's role in the second Korean match, and the likes of Mike Petersen and Tommy McCulloch, and Thomson has indicated his fancies for the 1994 World Cup side.

Preston's George Slifkas and Paul Okon also rate highly in Thomson's book.

He said that after the matches in Korea he will give Slifkas a chance at the next opportunity.

Up front Thomson has a wide range of candidates — Farina, Slater, Krncevic, Mitchell, Arnold, Abbas Saad, Trimboli, Kimon Taliadoros, Andrew Zinni, Jason van Blerk and Warren Spink.

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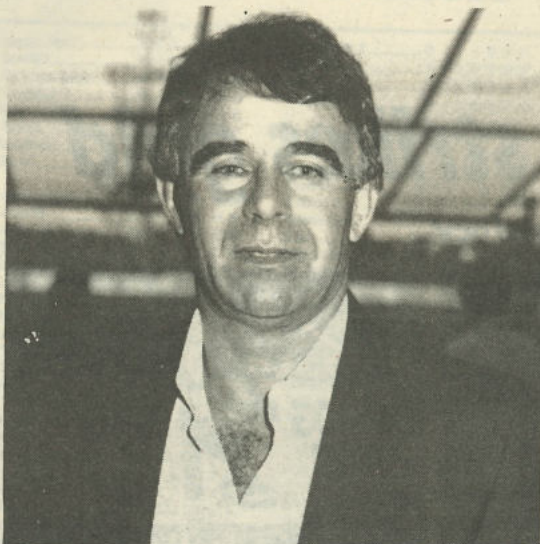
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Only John Markovski, who had his worst NSL campaign ever last summer, and Adzic are away.

And the mercurial Adzic still might be destined to return should his injury-plagued stint with Dinamo Zagreb continue as it has done.

And that would be good news, according to veteran and interim coach George Hannah, who, incidentally, is saddling up for another season at the top level.

"You could not over-emphasise the importance of Gerry," says Hannah.

"He was simply a one off."

Hannah was also pleased with the news that goalkeeper David Miller was set for another season between the sticks after trials at Glasgow Rangers.

Miller has returned with an open-ended invitation to return to Rangers but Hannah is clearly pleased that he will be literally behind him all the way in defence when the season gets underway.

"I'm glad he's back — he is a fine goalkeeper and he could make the grade in Scotland," Hannah told ASW.

As for Raznjevic and Markovski, their losses will not be felt as greatly as that of Adzic.

"Ivan built a fine team but I think it got to the stage where he couldn't do much more with it," Hannah explained.

"It was a difficult year for him last year with his family circumstances and, to be honest, I don't think we played as well last season as we did in our first year he was in charge."

"Jonesy's (Markovski) move came as a shock."

"But if he wanted to go to a club, Marconi is the best club to go to and I wish him good luck."

"Last year wasn't the best for him — he had a lot of pressure on him and the supporters were very vocal and gave him a hard time."

"He did his hamstring in round seven against Melita and didn't get back to form after that."

"The change will do him good."

Hannah says that the situation at the club isn't as bad as the press had made it out to be.

While he admits the club AGM was held at the wrong time of the year, thus meaning the out-going committee could do little positive decision-making during the off-season, Hannah says that pre-season work has been good and the attitude of the senior squad has been the same.

"There's always great enthusiasm when the season is starting and if we are not in the finals again the players will certainly consider the season a failure," he told ASW.

"Once you get a taste of finals soccer you realise that that's what it is all about."

"We've certainly had that feeling over the last two years and there would be nothing nicer than getting in there again."

Businesslike approach for Sunshine GC side

BY GREG BLAKE

SUNSHINE George Cross is getting tough.

One of the perennial easy-beats of the league is no longer about to be pushed around by the top dogs and the message from the club is clearly that the days of 'Sunshine bashing' are over.

Sunshine, which in recent years has had to farm out the likes of John Markovski and Paul Trimboli to stay alive, is taking a hard line to the vultures keen to pick out its eyes.

There was a real sense of anger and indignation when South Melbourne Hellas attempted to coax Ernie Tapai down to Middle Park less than 12 months after Sunshine had virtually resurrected his NSL career.

"I think the way to describe it (the new attitude) is that the club is getting an air of professionalism about it and that we will be dealing like that in future," says full-time club manager Gary Hasler.

"And we are not, by the way, financially stricken, as has been suggested in the press," he said, in reference to a story written by your humble correspondent.

"We are simply using common sense and not letting the dollar run soccer."

Not that there haven't been changes on the staff at Sunshine over the off season.

Former skipper Shaun Parton and ex-coach John Gardiner left for Preston.

Craig Foster joined West German third division club KSV Hessen Kassel but he could be back after breaking into the squad without getting onto the field.

Former Weinstein Medal winner John Campbell will also be a non-starter for 1990/91.

After a contractual dispute Hasler says there is "no way back" for the 1981 Victorian Junior Player of the Year.

And Kevin Muscat is off to the AIS.

But the player losses are not substantial in light of the bright new sparks on the Sunshine horizon.

Young stars Troy Cranney and Jason Koliba join the club acclaimed over the years for its fostering of young talent.

"And they're no dummies if they are playing for the Australian youth team," says Hasler.

Tenacious six-foot striker Derek Hunter is apparently moving well at training and might be the club's answer to its less than satisfactory goals total for last season.

Sunshine is also on the verge of signing a Scottish first division midfielder, and the club is also "looking at op-

tions" to replace Parton in the centre of defence.

"We've got people well in mind," Hasler assured ASW.

No doubt the best news for club stalwarts is that arguably Victoria's best goalkeeper Sean Keogh has re-signed with the club.

Keogh was welcomed back into the fold with open arms and has been appointed skipper for the new season.



SEAN KEOGH

"He's a very good goalkeeper and his experience is certainly something we will need," Hasler explained.

Another virtual 're-cruit' is Ossie Latif.

The speedster crashed home five goals in his first six games of last season before a crippling knee injury put him out for the remainder of the campaign.

His knee now reconstructed, Latif is back at training and, according to his specialist, the joint should be stronger than ever.

"His biggest hurdle will be purely psychological," says Hasler.

"The hardest part for him will be taking the first knock and getting up again."

David Clarkson also returns after missing the bulk of last season's campaign with a groin injury.

As always the accent is still very much on the youth of the club with its ambitious youth development program, involving Hasler, coach Merrick, assistant Ian Greener and youth team boss Kit Greechan expected to unearth more talent in the seasons to come.

With Cranney and Koliba joining the likes of Wayne Attard, Lorenz Kindtner, Frank Tallia as probable first teamers, Sunshine will have no shortage of youthful exuberance to draw on in the clinches.

"The good thing is that senior players will be looking over their shoulders to hold their positions," says Hasler.

Sunshine, now apparently debt free and building support at the new Skinner Reserve home base, is on the road to a more exciting future.

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Preparing for a more professional approach

BY MIKE JOHNSON

I have not written on these pages for a week or two as my team Southern Districts have been embroiled in crucial games to decide the winner of NSW State League Division 2.

We ended up successful and I took three days off from soccer and work as a personal reward.

Now it is back to the daily routine, including planning for our entry into State League next season.

Players have to be signed to new contracts, prospective new players will need to be contacted.

A budget needs to be drawn up to give us an overall idea of our increased costs for 1991.

Yet one still is able to savour the sweet taste that success brings.

For Len McKendry down there in Melbourne with his Heidelberg team — he is one who has had more success than most in the soccer arena.

Yet, in recent times, he had the sack and was out of the game for an extended period.

"Life is made for joy and woe, when this we rightly know, safely

thought the world we'll go."

So yes, we all have our ups and downs and it is good to enjoy the ups when they come.

My thoughts are also with Casey de Bruin and his Wollongong Macedonia club who this weekend need one point from Polonia to move up to the National League.

I remember several years ago taking that same Wollongong Macedonia club to Chopin Park to play Polonia in a similar end of season game to decide the Second Division championship.

We missed a penalty, they scored from a penalty and that was enough to get them up and Polonia has remained in State League since that time.

The stakes were higher at the weekend, with a guaranteed place into National League if Macedonia gains their point.

Difficulty

It will be harder in the future for NSW State League winners who may have to play off against others, just as is Heidelberg now, in order to gain National League entry.

Southern Districts were placed identical to Wollongong Macedonia

a couple of weeks ago as we played Dulwich Hill, the second placed team to decide which of us went up to State League.

Like Macedonia, we only needed a point.

We decided to seek a win.

We felt it is easier to motivate people to win than to draw — no doubt that was the Wollongong strategy.

Games such as those between Heidelberg, Brisbane Lions and Adelaide Hellas in the National League play-offs are so dramatic for players.

Such games are more crucial than the winning of a grand final.

They can bring about the making of a club, witness Melita Eagles.

Only when you reach State League or National League level can you truly claim to be a semi-professional club.

My own Southern Districts played in Third Division and Second Division over the last two years.

There was not that much difference between the two leagues, especially in second grade.

Most teams trained only twice a week, at times players would be missing training due to

work or study commitments.

You cannot afford that in State League Division One, especially in NSW, which is the next best league in Australia to the National League.

You just have to train three times and have all squad members there to have a chance in that league.

Improvements

So there is a professional air about the NSW State League that does not exist in the lower leagues.

Its grounds, playing standard and just about every other facet is above that of the lower leagues, as it should be.

I am pleased that the NSW Soccer Federation under Ian Holmes is seeking to keep it that way and even enhance it, especially in the area of spectator facilities.

In life you can never stand still.

You must be moving ever forward, in personal development and in development of projects which we are involved in.

If you stand still, you stagnate and eventually no longer have the energy or drive to improve yourself.

Len McKendry, after much achievement I be-



lieve, began to stagnate as a coach.

He now has had a rest and I am sure must once more be ablaze with energy and ambition.

Some were scornful when previously one spoke of him being a future national coach.

Yet those who know him also know it is well within his abilities.

Casey de Bruin would like to retire into his business and go out of soccer coaching on a high note with Wollongong Macedonia.

Meanwhile, for myself, I need to remember that the good feeling I experience at this time were brought about by my players.

And that is politics, a week is a long time and a coach is only as good as his last game.

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— KEITH GILMOUR

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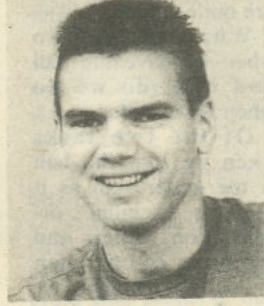
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By Jerzy Wrzos, Ph.D.

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Dr Jerzy Wrzos, soccer coach and author of likely sport bestseller "Soccer — the International Training Guide, is congratulated for his forthcoming publication by the great Ferenc Puskas, former world superstar and current coach of South Melbourne Hellas. On the right, former international soccer player Henryk Sass.

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Writer has credentials

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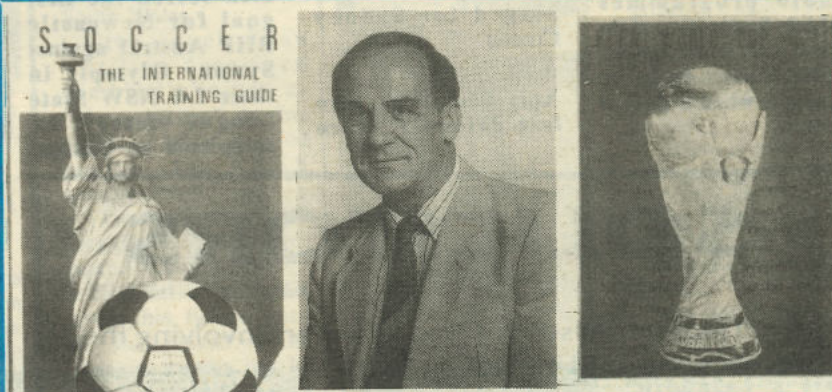
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2. GERMANY	12	68	41	13	14	145-90	95
3. ITALY	12	54	31	11	12	89-54	73
4. ARGENTINA	10	48	26	7	13	82-59	59
5. ENGLAND	9	41	18	11	12	55-38	48
6. URUGUAY	9	37	15	8	14	61-52	38
7. U S S R	7	31	15	6	10	53-34	36
8. FRANCE	9	34	16	4	14	71-56	36
9. YUGOSLAVIA	7	33	15	4	14	55-42	34
10. HUNGARY	9	32	15	3	14	87-57	33
11. SPAIN	7	32	13	6	13	43-38	32
12. POLAND	5	25	13	5	7	39-29	31
13. SWEDEN	8	31	11	6	14	51-52	28
14. CZECHOSLOVAKIA	8	30	11	5	14	44-45	27
15. AUSTRIA	6	26	12	2	12	40-43	26
16. HOLLAND	5	20	8	6	6	35-23	22
17. BELGIUM	5	25	8	3	14	33-49	19
18. CHILE	6	21	7	3	11	26-32	17
19. MEXICO	9	29	6	5	18	27-64	17
20. SCOTLAND	7	20	4	6	10	23-35	14
21. PORTUGAL	2	9	6	0	3	19-12	12
22. SWITZERLAND	6	18	5	2	11	28-44	12
23. NORTH IRELAND	3	13	3	5	5	13-23	11
24. PERU	5	15	4	3	8	19-31	11
25. PARAGUAY	4	11	3	4	4	16-25	10
26. CAMEROUN	2	8	3	3	2	8-10	9
27. ROMANIA	5	12	3	2	7	16-20	8
28. EAST GERMANY	1	6	2	2	2	5-5	6
29. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4	10	3	0	7	14-29	6
30. BULGARIA	5	16	0	6	10	11-35	6
31. WALES	1	5	1	3	1	4-4	5
32. REPUBLIC OF IRELAND	1	5	1	3	1	2-3	5
33. MOROCCO	2	7	1	3	3	5-8	5
34. ALGERIA	2	6	2	1	3	6-10	5
35. COSTA RICA	1	4	2	0	2	4-6	4
36. COLOMBIA	2	7	1	2	4	9-15	4
37. TUNISIA	1	3	1	1	1	3-2	3
38. KOREA NORTH	1	4	1	1	2	5-9	3
39. CUBA	1	3	1	1	1	5-12	3
40. TURKEY	1	3	1	0	2	10-11	2
41. HONDURAS	1	3	0	2	1	2-3	2
42. ISRAEL	1	3	1	0	2	1-3	2
43. EGYPT	2	4	0	2	2	3-6	2
44. KUWAIT	1	3	0	1	2	2-6	1
45. AUSTRALIA	1	3	0	1	2	0-5	1
46. IRAN	1	3	0	1	2	2-8	1
47. SOUTH KOREA	3	8	0	1	7	5-29	1
48. NORWAY	1	1	0	0	1	1-2	0
49. IRAQ	1	3	0	0	3	1-4	0
50. CANADA	1	3	0	0	3	0-5	0
51. DUTCH EAST INDIES	1	1	0	0	1	0-6	0
52. UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	1	3	0	0	3	2-11	0
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54. HAITI	1	3	0	0	3	2-14	0
55. ZAIRE	1	3	0	0	3	0-14	0
56. BOLIVIA	2	3	0	0	3	0-16	0
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GARY POWER

A referee sporting a broken arm? Unusual, but possible. Ask NSW's FIFA whistler, Gary Power. He fell and broke his forearm whilst refereeing the New Zealand-Tahiti World Youth qualifier at Churchill Park, Lautoka. It seems that he was running backwards to take up a fresh position, and didn't allow for a pothole on the rather ordinary surface. He will miss appointments for a few early rounds of the NSL season.

Melbourne's 3AK radio station is broadcasting live commentary of Italian First Division matches late on Sunday nights. The Italian-owned station is picking up "Minuto per Minuto", one of Italy's most popular radio programmes which features a main First Division game, with crosses to other grounds when a goal is scored.

Apia Leichhardt has settled its \$25,000 debt with the National League. On the field, Apia have signed Klaus Okon and David Batten. Okon was on loan from Marconi last season and Batten played for Sydney Croatia.

Apia Leichhardt have lost defender Bruce

Halliday. He is not returning from England because he is looking after his ailing parents.

Socceroo Jason van Blerk is keen to try to break into English football again. He is expected to try out with Derby County, leaving Apia with a huge gap to fill in attack.

Sunshine George Cross have signed promising Australian Institute of Sport midfielder Troy Cranney.

The NSL tribunal has reduced John Campbell's transfer fee from \$20,000 to \$12,000. The Sunshine George Cross stalwart had requested a free transfer for his seven years of loyal service to the club.

Craig Foster may be back with Sunshine George Cross in time for the start of the season. His move to West German club KSV Hessen Kassel did not pan out despite a \$15,000 transfer fee. Foster was angry at spending most matches on the subs' bench.

As of this season, NSL clubs will also be responsible for the behaviour of their fans at away matches. The onus will no longer be on the home side, who until now bore the brunt of any disturbance regardless of which set of fans caused the trouble.

When Howie Tredinnick scored the first goal for Newcastle BHP Austral against Sydney Olympic in their 5-0 NSW State League victory, he completed an unusual

NEWCASTLE BHP AUSTRAL TO THE FORE

NEWCASTLE's case for admission to the National Soccer League is proceeding apace.

From what we hear from the Coalie City the time is approaching when the NSL leadership should be hotfooting it north to see just what is going on.

Financially, it appears certain that this time around the Newcastle club will be more financially sound than almost any in the League.

Many top business leaders and all the civic authorities in the Hunter Region are right behind the club.

Club general manager David McQuire said: "We are close to setting up the whole package off the field, and from there rest assured that we will have the players needed to put on a high class NSL display in 1991/92."

"Our youth side is close to the top of the table, even though the players are only 16 and 17 years of age."

"The earthworks around the playing area are all in place, and the turf will be laid shortly."

"I am certain that when we reveal our full plan it will be an eye-opener."

McQuire, formerly an accountant with some worthwhile companies, was goalkeeper for South Coast and Apia Leichhardt when they were well up the table.

He is not short on business ability, and was the man chosen by St George chief Alex Pongrass to bring the Saints' licensed club at Mortdale back on to the straight and narrow.

BHP Austral will soon present the NSL nabobs with an undeniable case.

— KEITH GILMOUR



HOWIE TREDINNICK

double. It was 308 minutes since Australs had scored their last goal, and that was in the Rockdale fixture when Howie scored in the 85 minute. Scoreless draws against Wollongong and Canberra, and a 1-0 loss to Sydney Macedonia had intervened. Then Tredinnick's goal set Australs on a scoring spree.

Adelaide Croatia Soccer Club has been given a \$70,000 boost. That is the incredible sum raised in just three months by Miss Croatia entrants Anna Pacic, Alison Kilic, Tanja Tudorovic and Marianna Mezic. Anna was named Miss Croatia with Alison Miss Croatia Quest. She raised \$27,000.

Goalkeeper Tony Franken and Sydney Croatia have resolved their differences. Franken, just back from touring South Korea with the Socceroos, re-signed with the club last week, as did Manis Lamond. Both have signed two-year contracts.

Spare a kind thought for Newcastle BHP Austral third string goalkeeper, Paolo D'Encarnacao. He trained right through-out the season, but didn't get the chance

to play even one game until right at the end of the season. David Dunkly inadvertently obliged him by spraining his ankle at training 24 hours before the Avala fixture.

Charlie Yankos is employed by the managers of the huge Crown Central shopping centre in Wollongong. The likelihood that Wollongong Macedonia could be in the NSL had him wondering if a spot would be available in their lineup.

Doubts cast on Wollongong City's NSL credentials in some quarters don't go down too well with the Wolves. Although they took out the 1988 minor premiership other honours on the field have not come their way. But sheer hard work has gone into the club. Their ground, Brandon Park, was established with government assistance. It has an excellent grandstand and the new floodlighting system will soon be commissioned. The NSL can't allow an outfit like Wollongong City to be pushed aside.

Sydney Olympic were off to Perth this week for a game against Western Australian Greek club, Floreat Athena. Coach Mick Hickman is showing interest in WA striker Ross Greer, who returned home after trials with Bristol City as the pay packet on offer was insufficient to attract him.



AN Australian attacking midfielder and general utility player with 30 games behind him in the Greek First Division is seeking a spot with a National League club in NSW.

The man is Leon Gardikiotis, 25, who turned out with Larissa in Peter Katholos' days, as well as with Doka Drama.

Said Gardikiotis: "I returned from Greece and Germany because I want to play at home."

"I had a big problem over the lack of a work permit in Germany, where I had linked up with Damstadt in the Second Division."

"I learnt my football as a youngster at St George, and was subsequently chosen in the NSW under 19 squad."

"A place in the Young Socceroos was well within my grasp when I broke an ankle and that put paid to that ambition."

At the end of 1987 Gardikiotis appeared as a guest with Canberra City for eight matches, and they were just edged out 2-1 by Wollongong City in the NSW State League grand final.

He has plenty of skill, and is all too keen to demonstrate it.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Scottish club Airdrie have escaped only with a censure for playing Wollongong City winger Danny Crainie without first receiving a clearance from the Australian Soccer Federation.

Adelaide City will not play in this year's NSL South Youth League. "The League starts in just four weeks and we still have not resolved some problems we've been working on for four months," said club coach Zoran Matic. "We don't have time to get things organised for this year."

Adelaide City is keen to lure a young Hungarian full-back for this season. The strong, quick, over-lapping full-back played in the First Division with

Pecs, who meet Manchester United in this year's European Cup Winners' Cup. He looked impressive for City in Saturday's goal-less trial game against Polonia. "We shall see how things go," said coach Zoran Matic. "We have not signed him but always are keen to attract players of quality. He is not our player but we are looking at him."

BHP Austral's Wayne Bailey was unable to stand up at his buck's night last Saturday week, having damaged an ankle in the 5-0 win over Sydney Olympic. He is to marry long-time sweetheart Josie Sokulsky at the end of the month. Very best wishes to the happy couple.

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Queensland's own beer

McDonagh top gun

NORTH Star striker Jim McDonagh is again Queensland Soccer's most prolific scorer.



JIM McDONAGH

The goal-hungry Scotsman finished the 22 XXXX League fixtures with a goal-a-game record.

It was the second successive year McDonagh has finished as the league's leading scorer although last season he took the title on a countback (most goals in one game) after a three-way tie on 16 goals with City's Kieran Cooper and North Star team-mate Lee Scriggins.

To win the title this season, McDonagh again had to withstand the charges of several young guns — finishing just one goal behind

was Pine Rivers' ace Noel Carroll, who made his Queensland debut this season and was in the Socceroos Olympic training squad.

Carroll's Rivers team-mate Clayton Koch, who signed last month for Sydney Croatia, was next on the list with 18 goals.

Cooper, who had not been outscored in Brisbane for four years, returned a healthy 14 goals for the season, a tally matched by team-mate Frazer Cuba and outstanding Acacia Ridge import Marc Flemington.

Grand final day at Perry Park

BY PAT McERLEAN

THE stage is set for a great Grand Final on Sunday, September 30 at Perry Park.

All Brisbane soccer followers are watching Eastern Suburbs' performance after being last year's Grand Final winners.

Eastern Suburbs finished fifth on the premiership table. They then played in the knock-out semi-final against Pine Rivers, a team considered by many to have the three best strikers — Koch, Carroll and Preston — playing in Queensland.

This fixture after extra-time went to a replay which Eastern Suburbs won, eliminating Pine Rivers.

I know in sport you create your own luck, but someone is smiling on Eastern Suburbs and their success may continue right through to yet another Grand Final.

Brisbane Lions, North Star and Brisbane City are the teams Eastern Suburbs have to defeat to pick

up the big cup at the end of this football season.

North Star got out of jail in their semi-final to defeat Brisbane City 3-2.

Brisbane City started with a positive approach to take a lead in the match.

North Star squared the goal tally and the match appeared to be going into extra-time.

Then in injury-time North Star picked up the goal they needed to finish in front of Brisbane City.

North Star appeared back to their old form which won them the Ampol Cup.

Star suffered a brief form slump after the Cup win, but the last 45 minutes in the semi-final match against Brisbane City they demonstrated the positive football they are capable of playing North Star.

But like all finals we will just have to wait and see.

Frank Pimblett faces premature retirement

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE revitalised career of Queensland captain Frank Pimblett is now in

jeopardy because of a serious knee injury.

Pimblett, 32, who

made a sensational comeback two seasons ago after three years out of the game is unlikely to play again this season after injuring the knee in the second last round of fixtures.

The injury may require an operation but certainly looms as the toughest test in Pimblett's faultless comeback.

The former Brisbane City NSL star quit the game after becoming disillusioned amid City's slide from grace and eventual axing from the national competition in 1986.

In three years on the sidelines, spent mostly in Sydney, Pimblett's only contact with the code was an brief stint coaching juniors.

But the break proved to recharge his soccer batteries and the former Aston Villa player returned to the XXXX League last year to recapture his best form.

Pimblett won the Soccer Press' Player of the Year Award and the Courier-Mail Best and Fairest Trophy and was among the leading contenders for the Gold Medal.

This season he regained the state captaincy and was among Queensland's best in the State of Origin game against New South Wales.

City coach Juan Cutillas described Pimblett's injury as "devastating" to his team's hopes of reaching the XXXX League grand final.

"He is our most difficult player to replace," Cutillas said.

Pimblett is uncertain about his future until the full extent of the injury is known but he has indicated in the past a desire to enter coaching.

Whether he will be forced along that path sooner than he expected — Pimblett was expected to play at least one more season — remains to be seen.

Those who had admired his skills and midfield direction certainly hopes that his great career does not end on an injury.

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Eastern Suburbs in step towards glory

GREG RUSSELL

PINE Rivers crashed out of the XXXX League semi-finals for the second successive season last week as the club again failed to live up to its much-heralded potential.

After looking a chance of finishing as high as third place, Rivers found themselves finished for the season when they lost their knockout semi-final replay 2-1 to Eastern Suburbs.

The Tigers' win kept alive their hopes of emulating last season's feat of coming from the knockout semi-final to win the grand final.

"We don't care who we play," said a jubilant Easts coach Phil Thomson after the replay win.

Rivers crashed out of the tie in controversial circumstances with coach Bobby Hamilton being ordered from the bench by referee Gordon Nicholson.

Hamilton had protested heatedly that a vicious tackle on star striker Clayton Koch had been inside the box and a penalty was the only decision.

Nicholson, after consultation with linesman Barry Power, awarded a freekick on the edge of the box.

Afterwards Hamilton slammed the refereeing as "disgraceful".

Former Acacia Ridge midfielder Bradley Ryan was the star of the Tigers' victory, which was a bounce back to form after being substituted in the lacklustre scoreless draw between the two sides in their first clash.

But Rivers always had their backs against the wall after losing speedy powerhouse striker Noel Carroll just 12 minutes into the replay.

Carroll was cruelly rewarded for outstanding skills in turning and slamming his shot onto the upright when he

fell awkwardly in the ensuing Easts defence rush and injured his ankle.

The Tigers went into the lead midway through the first half thanks to tireless midfield work from Ryan and Craig Collins.

It came as little surprise when McDermott was fouled in the box and converted the penalty to give Easts the lead.



NOEL CARROLL

Taringa reject Chris Fegan, who has been in outstanding form since leaving Speare Park, highlighted his finishing abilities when he put the Tigers ahead shortly into the second half.

Fegan ran onto a McDermott pass and cleverly curled his shot over and around hard-to-beat Rivers keeper Peter Underhill.

Koch, who now heads to Sydney Croatia, scored from a freekick to put Rivers back in the game.

But the penalty appeal aside, the much vaunted Rivers attack could not get the vital goal to deny Easts a berth in the elimination final.

"It was a very disappointing way to end the season," Hamilton predictably said.

State players recognised

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation has introduced a new form of recognition for its state representatives that is certain to prove a hit.

Caps, which are a much heralded and admired part of overseas football, will now be awarded for Queensland representation.

The first were handed out to this year's state representatives at a dinner at Perry Park last week.

Those who received the caps included the Maroons who took on Charlton Athletic for a 2-2 draw in May and the side which played a thriller against New South Wales in the State of Origin game.

The QSF also took the opportunity to honour one of Queensland's greats, Gary Wilkins.

Wilkins is credited in QSF records as having played 17 times for the State but family re-

cords can verify nearly 30 appearances in an illustrious career which spanned from 1967 to 1974 and included a Socceroo tour of South-East Asia.

The burly former Hollandia defender was awarded a special "tassled" cap.

The QSF plans to honour a past state stalwart each year at the function awarding caps.

It is expected the "Caps Night" will become a major and prestigious event of the Queensland soccer calendar.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell described the caps as "long-overdue" recognition of state representation.

"The caps are something players can keep and display with pride," Stowell said.

"I hope the caps build the tradition and prestige of playing for Queensland and become a very much desired goal in every player's career.

Mitchell, Ogden, common link

BY GREG RUSSELL



JOHN OGDEN

WHAT does Mount Gravatt coach Dick Mitchell and Coalstars' John Ogden have in common?

The obvious link is that they took over their sides late in the season when relegation was staring their respective clubs squarely in the face.

Most will also know that Mitchell and Ogden fired their teams into winning form and not only escaped the drop out of the XXXX

League but were among the most successful sides in the final six rounds.

But few may realise that the coaching background which enabled the pair to be successful in their XXXX League coaching debuts was gained several years earlier.

Mitchell and Ogden are among the growing list of success stories produced by Bruce Stowell's annual level two and three coaching courses.

The success of Mitchell and Ogden this season could not be a better advertisement for this year's level two, to be held at Perry Park next month.

This year's course will begin at soccer headquarters on Saturday, October 6.

The courses are open to anyone with a general understanding of the game and ability to perform the basics in on field exercises. Anyone requiring more information on the courses or to make bookings should contact the Perry Park office on (07) 252 5327.

Young talent time at Adcity

BY ALAN CLARK

SIX Adelaide City super kids could be challenging this season for berths in the NSL.

With senior recruiting a costly and often harrowing experience, Adelaide City could look towards its own young talent to lift the side in this year's campaign in the big time.

"We haven't signed anyone yet but are looking at a couple of new faces," said City coach Zoran Matic.

"But I have been extremely satisfied by the showing of some of our younger players.

"Their input at training has been fantastic. At the moment, they are as good a chance as established players of making the side.

"We shall just have to see how they develop and continue to progress. There will be no political decisions over them. If they deserve their chance they will get it.

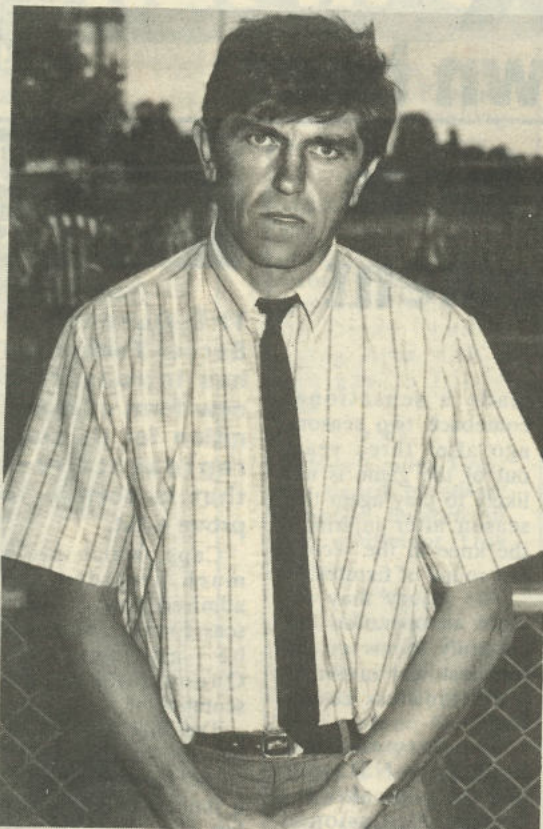
"They are prepared to work hard just now and have been doing well.

"There is not enough time to organise playing in this year's NSL Youth League. But I feel it would be a good idea to set up a mini youth league here.

"I have not had time to think this through formally but it is an interesting possibility that could be looked at."

To the forefront of the super babe challenge at City are striker Michael Brooks who is expected to make a big impact after joining the club last season from Salisbury; cool defender Chris White, former State youth team striker buzzbomb Joe Barbaro, silky smooth midfielder Carlo Talladira, nuggety defender Ron Grasso and former Joey attacking midfielder Ross Aloisi.

Added to that list are experienced Olym-



ZORAN MATIC

pic Games Socceroo youngsters Carl Veart and Tony Vidmar, who look sure fire choices for City though the second year in the big time notoriously is awkward for kids.

Mercurial midfielder Charley Villani, who spent more of last season out of rather than in action, looks to be shaping to start the new soccer year fit and keen to perform.

Intuitive midfielder veteran Adrian Santrac has been engaged in pre-season training and, at this stage, looks sure to continue.

Salisbury United's Bob Wincer has been confirmed as coach of the State League side to play Victoria on October 13 at Mildura. Team manager will be Salisbury executive and SA Soccer Federation board member, Jack Innes.

SA Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr Mayes was in the radio hot seat last Friday. He was guest on 5EBI-FM to answer pointed questions over the Government's delay in complet-

ing work on Hindmarsh Stadium.

Para Hills Player of the Year Robert Marwe has called on team-mates to show extra commitment in next year's return to the State League First Division. Marwe made the plea on Saturday when he was awarded his prestige award at the promoted club's presentations. The seasoned campaigner said: "Each player needs to look at himself and ask if he gave his full commitment to the club and could accept blame for games we lost last year. Para Hills will need to show the right attitude and commitment to compete next year." Para has advertised its coaching position and expects to make a decision soon. Chairman Mike Lucovich also revealed there was likely to be selective, quality player recruiting. Other

award winners: Players' Player of the Year: Under 18s — Mike Stennett, Reserves — John Fedczyszyn, Seniors — Brian Butterworth; Most Improved: Under-18s — J. Vougamalis, Reserves — Colin Plunkett, Seniors — Brian Butterworth.

Star striker Eddie Biscoe won Birkalla Eagles' best and fairest. Other awards: Players' Player of Year: Paul Higgins, Members: Tim Mullen, Best team man: John Williams. Reserves best: Zoltan Borbasi, Juniors: Doug Barclay.

Blackwood will stand tall in next year's State League First Division. Chairman Alan Charman dismissed claims the club could merge with neighbor Cumberland. "There is no truth in any story that we are thinking of a merger," said Charman. "There are a couple of things our ground committee has got to get worked out to bring the playing surface up to scratch. We do owe some money to Council but that is being sorted out. The major problem was over an excess water bill. We have an application before Council for a general upgrading of the area and we are confident they will not stand in our way." The coaching team of Tom Preston and Dave Pillans has been re-instated for next season and the Hillsiders look forward to their first year among the elite.

Former youth international John Christopoulos has started training with the Adelaide City squad. Salisbury's Paul Wilde also has returned to train with the club along with Lion goalkeeper Archie Christakos.

Vest's Floreat Athena undefeated

Murphy's nine-goal spree for keen Perth Italia

RUSSELL WHITSON WRITES FROM PERTH



Alan Vest

creditable, for he failed to score in three matches and was absent for one game when he guested for Hong Kong side, South China, in an exhibition match.

In fact, once Hunter fulfils his commitments with Athena this year it is strongly rumoured that he will join South China on a full-time basis.

Athena collected their third consecutive league title, nine points ahead of Italia, with a 6-0 drubbing of Bayswater Inter.

Under the astute coaching of Alan Vest and his assistant, Frank Campbell, Athena remained undefeated in the 18-match season with 17 wins and a draw, to rank alongside Azzurri and Spearwood Dalmatinac who achieved similar unbeaten seasons in 1981 and 1982 respectively.

In other final round matches, Kelmscott Roos won by the odd goal in seven over Macedonia and Sorrento slammed home three second half goals to defeat North Perth Croatia 3-2, while Dalmatinac carved out a 4-2 away win over Kingsway Olympic.

The play-offs for the championship begins this weekend (Sept 23) with Croatia and Kelmscott meeting in the elimination final.

After a slow start to the season Kelmscott finished strongly with five wins from six matches and coach Francis Burns is at last reaping rewards following sackings at Italia and Olympic.

General opinion points towards a close count in the Fairest and Best Federation Gold Medal award which will be held at the Langley Plaza on Friday (Sept 21).

Pundits have suggested that Italia winger, Gerry Christie, is leading a short list of favourites along with Kenny Harrison (Inter), John Hunter and Paul Farmer (Athena), Ricky Davis (Croatia) and Andy Wright (Macedonia).

Last year's inaugural winner, Jeff Curran of Athena, is also likely to poll well for he has continued to show a high professional approach in each match.

Australian Soccer Federation chairman, John Constantine, is a special guest and will make the medal presentation to the winner.

1968.

And it equalled the pre-Federation record set in 1959 by the legendary Johnny McInroy of Tricolore against Perth City.

Murphy hammered in six first half goals in an explosive 28-minute spell and continued his solo effort by adding three more before Kwinana gained an 85th minute consolation goal.

His tally could have been higher for he missed three further goals before Gary Murray put Italia into double figures in the dying moments.

But Murphy's feat was not the only record broken during the last round of fixtures — Italia's victory was the highest since the formation of the Super League three years ago, and the winning margin and aggregate score also created new records.

From the five matches 35 goals were scored — another record — and Floreat Athena striker John Hunter ended the season with a hat-trick to take his tally of league goals to 31.

Hunter strolled away with the Black Douglas goalscoring award being 13 goals clear of last season's top marksman, Stirling Macedonia's Frank Bate.

It was the first time in 18 years that over 30 goals were scored by an individual — the last to do so was Len Dundo of Inglewood Kiev who notched 34 in 1972.

Hunter's achievement was all the more

PERTH Italia striker Peter Murphy rewrote the record books by scoring nine goals in the final league match of the season.

Murphy, who made a handful of appearances with Melbourne Croatia two years ago, led Italia to an emphatic 10-1 win over Kwinana United at Dorrien Gardens.

The remarkable triple hat-trick bettered the previous Federation record of seven which was claimed by Azzurris' John Van Osten against Swan Athletic on April 13,

Ampol backs ACT awards

BY GRAHAM COOKE

LONG-time ACT soccer supporter Ampol has agreed to sponsor the ACT 1990 Player of the Year award, league chairman Don Rushan said.

"The medal will be named after the company and we hope this will be the beginning of a continuing arrangement," he said.

And Senator Margaret Reid, a consistent supporter of youth and junior soccer in the territory, has agreed to sponsor the Young Player of the Year award.

Although only in its third year, the award has had a unsettled history.

The brainchild of former ACTSF president Charles Perkins, it was originally sponsored by Rothmans which provided the money for a

black-tie function in 1988.

When soccer divorced itself from tobacco the following year, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation picked up the tab, at the same time making it clear the Quit Campaign's long-term financial backing would be in areas other than an annual function.

Rushan said this year's event will have to be paid for by the clubs, but all efforts would be made to retain the big occasion atmosphere.

The dinner will be formal with around 300 people attending the Tuggeranong Rugby Union Club on Wednesday, October 3.

Canberra Croatia has fixed its annual presentation and player-of-the-year night for Saturday, September 29 at the Croatia Deakin Club. There are plenty of tickets for sale and fans can obtain them at the club.

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Women's National Championships at Valentine Park



ANNISSA TANN

THE 17th Australian Women's Soccer Championships kicked off in Sydney yesterday (Sunday 16th September).

All States except the Northern Territory are competing for the championship trophy.

New South Wales, Victoria and South Queensland are the three favourites for the final which will be played at 2pm on Saturday September 22.

Host State, New South Wales, will be seeking revenge for missing out on last year's final in which Victoria defeated South Queensland.

The Blues will be fielding a strong combination of experienced players, including Annissa Tann, Janine Riddington and Moya Dodd, together with several national youth players such as Justine Fisher, Tracy Bartlett and Jane Hornsby.

Leading national player, Michelle Sawyers, will make history when she competes in her fourteenth national championship. No other player can claim such a record.

Sawyers will be defending in a strong Queensland team which includes players such as Joanne and Kerry Millman, Leanne Priestley and Lyn Spencer — all of whom have competed in more than ten championships.

All games will be held at Valentine

Sports park, Meurants Lane, Parklea.

Daily kick off times are 10am, 11.30am, 1pm and 2.30pm.

ACT

Colours: Gold & Blue, **Coach:** Jim Gordon, **Manager:** Cathy 'Tex' McCallum, **Assistant:** Glenda Hall.

1. Julie Anderson, 2. Jenny Skorupa, 3. Carmel Carters, 4. Alex Focken, 5. Cathy Grassick, 6. Katrina Alexander, 7. Donna O'Brien, 8. Sophie Mathas, 9. Heather Burnie, 10. Debbie Corcoran, 11. Karolina Ivanisevic, 12. Mandy Langlar, 13. Angela Ianotta, 14. Jonelle Lancashire, 15. Jenny Jackson, 16. Diane Simpson, 17. Jenny Fang, 18. Michelle Beresford.

NSW

Colours: Sky Blue, Dark Blue, **Coach:** Oscar Gonzales, **Manager:** Jill Everard, **Physio:** Margaret Banff.

1. Tracey Wheeler, 2. Moya Dodd, 3. Lisa van Dorp, 4. Denie Pentecost, 5. Rachelle Stark, 6. Justine Fisher, 7. Sharon Young, 8. Annissa Tann, 9. Katrina Boyd, 10. Michelle Rayner, 11. Janine Riddington, 12. Lidna Brunton, 13. Janine McPhee, 14. Traci Bartlett, 15. Janene Mar, 16. Kaye Yardin, 17. Amanda Sherrin, 18. Kim Schaefer.

NNSW

Colours: Black & White, **Coach:** Colin Eason, **Assistant:** Arthur Jessop, **Physio:** Cheryl Burns.

1. Vikki Roex, 2. Maureen Chalk, 3. Kelly Job, 4. Karen Menzies, 5. Toni Bashford, 6. Ali-

Australian Womens National Championships Sun September 16/ Sat September 22 FINAL DRAW

TIME MATCH

SUN, SEPTEMBER 16

10.00am S Qld -v- Vic
11.30am NSW -v- Sth Aust
1.00pm N.NSW -v- ACT
2.30pm West Aust -v- S Qld

MON, SEPTEMBER 17

10.00am Sth Aust -v- ACT
12.00pm NSW -v- Vic
2.00pm N.NSW -v- West Aust
Bye — S Qld

TUES, SEPTEMBER 18

10.00am ACT -v- Vic
11.30am Sth Aust -v- West Aust
1.00pm NSW -v- S Qld
2.30pm N.NSW -v- Vic

WED, SEPTEMBER 19

10.00am West Aust -v- ACT
12.00pm N.NSW -v- NSW
1.30pm S Qld -v- Sth Aust
Bye — Vic

THURS, SEPTEMBER 20

10.00am West Aust -v- NSW
11.30am S Qld -v- N.NSW
1.00pm Vic -v- Sth Aust
2.30pm N.S.W. -v- ACT

FRI, SEPTEMBER 21

10.00am Sth Aust -v- N.NSW
12.00pm ACT -v- S Qld
2.00pm Vic -v- West Aust
Bye — NSW

SAT, SEPTEMBER 22

2.00pm Challenge Match 1 -v- 2

son Forman, 7. Anne Marie Csuka, 8. Donna Pullen, 9. Renaye Iserief, 10. Linda Hughes, 11. Karen McLellan, 12. Lisa Rowlands, 13. Julie Screen, 14. Amy Tredinnick, 15. Lisa Donnes, 16. Debbie Bonshore.

QLD

Colours: Maroon & White, **Coach:** Fred Robins, **Manager:**

Doris Haddock, **Trainer:** Alison Baker.

1. Susan Clayton, 2. Helen Brownie, 3. Lorraine Meikle, 4. Marie Grant, 5. Klara Szabo, 6. Kerry Heatherington, 7. Donna Frederickson, 8. Sharon Wass, 9. Tammy Eiby-Jansen, 10. Lyn Spencer, 11. Nadia Toffetti, 12. Kaylene Janssen, 13. Michelle Sawyers, 14. Stephanie McMahon,



15. Leanne Priestley, 16. Samantha O'Brien, 17. Joanne Millman, 18. Claire Nichols.

SA

Colours: Blue, Gold & Red, **Coach:** Laci Komaromi, **Assistant:** Warren Whisson, **Trainer:** Nancy Court. Jill Latimer (c), Sonia Gegenhuber, Bev Hollands, Katrina Richter, Mary Fomakis, Gayle Bell, Teresa Heath, Lianne McKenzie, Mara Kreismanis, Anne Cameron, Tracey Jenkins, Tiffany Lee, Tiffany Winn, Jo-Marie Elliss, Karen Harris, Shirley Brown.

TAS

Colours: Green & Primrose, **Coach:** Bill Clarkson.

1. Carolyn Jones, 3. Leanne Christie, 4. Susan Ola, 5. Karen Schourmans, 6. Anita Atwell, 7. Judith Fox, 8. Jane Hardy, 9. Helene Renshaw, 10. Manoy Fitzgerald, 11. Carolyn Jarvis, 12. Anna La Sala, 16. Trina Kovsalo.

WA

Colours: Black & Gold, **Coach:** Graeme Millar, **Manager:** Janet Spencer.

1. Kerry Smith, 2. Anne Lehane, 3. Lorraine Roberts, 4. Penny Tanner, 5. Melissa Delison, 6. Lisa Miles (c), 7. Lizzie Claydon, 8. Jane Osborne, 9. Sally Sanigar, 10. Gillian Walsh (vc), 11. Michelle Matthews, 12. Luciana Colangelo, 13. Yvonne Ramsey, 14. Stephanie Bishop, 16. Liz Dieleson, 17. Sarah Scott, 18. Julie Ryder.

NSW, Queensland, West Aust in wins

QUEENSLAND opened the 1990 Australian Women's National Championship with a 2-0 win over Victoria at Valentine Sports Park yesterday.

Goals by Leanne Priestley and Stephanie McMahon carried them home.

Annissa Tann and Katrina Boyd brought NSW two up at the expense of South Australia.

Western Australia downed Queensland 1-0, and Northern NSW and the ACT drew 1-1.

Women's World Cup in view



Steve Darby

NSW is hosting the Australian Women's Championships at Valentine Sports Park, Parklea throughout the week.

Matches are held daily from 10am, with the big 1v2 Challenge Final to be contested on Saturday at 2pm.

Australian women's coach Steve Darby will announce the national squad at Saturday's

Presentation Night.

The players will then gear up to qualify for the first Women's World Cup, with the finals set down for November 16/30 1991 in China.

— JILL EVERARD



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Asian schools tour

EIGHT members of the NSW Combined High Schools girls' team, after winning the Australian Secondary Schools Championships in Melbourne, were recently chosen in the Australian Secondary Schools squad to tour South-East Asia.

The tour, in January 1991, will cover Darwin, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Bangkok.

Two weeks ago at the Brighton Soccer

club in Melbourne, the NSWCHS team won the Australian Secondary Schools Championship ahead of Queensland and the ACT.

The competition so close, came down to goal differences after which NSW was declared victorious, scoring 25 goals in the tournament while only conceding one.

ASW wishes the squad good luck on its upcoming tour and will keep readers posted on any more information about women's championships, both national and international.

— DAVID SMEDLEY

Final Placings

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
N.S.W.	6	5	1	0	25	1	11
QLD	6	5	1	0	16	0	11
A.C.T.	6	4	0	2	9	2	8
S.A.	6	2	1	3	11	8	5
VIC	6	2	1	3	3	15	5
N.T.	6	1	0	5	5	13	2
W.A.	6	0	0	6	1	31	0



NEW SOUTH WALES CHS 1990: Left to right: Back Row: Elizabeth Cotton, Joanne Powell, Cheryl Salisbury, Justine Fisher, Megan Cotton. Middle Row: Jayne Balzan, Michelle Prouten, Brigitte Starr, Tracy Chapman, Charmaine Potter, Denise Benetis. Front Row: Brendon Fotheringham (manager), Stephanie Kite, Bronia Adamiak, Kristin Burke, Amanda Paterson, Heloise Gibb, Sue Andrews (coach).

Player Profiles NSW CHS 1990 Squad

Megan Cotton — James Ruse Ag. High School — Year 9 — NSW Under 16 representative and Australian U16 Squad 1990. Part of James Ruse High's Commonwealth Bank Shield Knockout team 1989 Champions. First year representing NSW CHS Soccer. Also State Rep. in Athletics and Cross-Country.

Elizabeth Cotton — James Ruse Ag. High School — Year 9 — NSW Under 16 representative and Australian U16 Squad 1990. Part of James Ruse High's Commonwealth Bank Shield Knockout team 1989 Champions. Also has represented NSW in Athletics and Cross-Country. First year representing NSW CHS Soccer.

Heloise Gibb — James Ruse Ag. High School — Year 9 — NSW Under 16 representative and Australian U16 Squad 1990. Part of James Ruse High's Commonwealth Bank Shield Knockout team 1989 Champions. First year representing NSW Combined High Schools Soccer. Also represented Met. West Regional Athletics and Cross Country.

Bronia Adamiak — Murray High School — Year 12 — First year representing NSW Combined High Schools Soccer. Captain of the Riverina Regional team — Runners-up NSW Championships 1990.

Denise Benetis — Kingsgrove High School — Year 9 — First year representing NSW Combined High School Soccer. NSW Under 16 representative and Australian U16 Squad 1990.

Michelle Prouten — Raymond Terrace High School — Year 10. Michelle has represented NSW CHS for four years. She has also represented NSW in cricket in 1989. Michelle was selected to tour Hong Kong/Rep. of China with the Aust. Schoolgirls side in January 1989. This year she captained the Hunter region to their second New South Wales Championship.

Justine Fisher — Woollooware High School — Year 12. Justine represented NSW CHS in 1988 and was selected to tour Hong Kong/Rep. of China in January 1989 with the Aust. Schoolgirls soccer team. In 1989 she represented NSW in Under 19s and toured New Zealand with the Australian Youth team. This year Justine has represented NSW Under 19s, selected again in the Australian Youth Team. Most recently she has been selected in the New South Wales open Womens' team for the Australian Championships in late September.

Tracey Chapman — Mt View High School — Year 10 — First year representing NSW CHS Soccer. Tracey was a member of the Hunter Regional team that won the NSW Championship this year.

Brigitte Starr — Rutherford High School — Year 9. First year representing NSW CHS Soccer. Brigitte was a member of the Hunter Regional team that won the NSW Championship this year.

Joanne Powell — South Grafton High School — Year 10 — First year representing CHS Soccer. First ever North Coast Regional member to make a CHS girls' soccer team.

Amanda Patterson — Caringbah High School — Year 11. First year representing NSW CHS soccer. Represented NSW in under 19s and was selected in the Australian Youth Squad 1990.

Charmaine Potter — Griffith High School — Year 11. First year representing NSW CHS soccer. Has represented NSW in cricket 1989. Charmaine was a member of the Riverina Regional team — runners-up in this year's NSW championships.

Cheryl Salisbury — Lambton High School — Year 11. Third year representing NSW CHS soccer. 1988 was selected in the Australian Schoolgirls' team to tour Hong Kong/Rep. of China, January 1989. Again selected in 1988 Australian Schoolgirls' team and toured the United States and England January 1990. Cheryl was a member of the Hunter Regional team NSW Champions this year.

Kristin Burke — Springwood High School — Year 12. First year representing NSW CHS soccer. Represented NSW under 19s in 1989, 1990.

Jayne Balzan — Northmead High School — Year 12. First year representing NSW CHS soccer.

Stephanie Kite — Pictou High School — Year 12. First year representing NSW CHS Soccer. Has also represented NSW in cricket 1989.

AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SOCCER FEDERATION SELECT TEAM STH EAST ASIA TOUR 1991

Kristin Burke	(NSW)
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Sara King	(ACT)
Emily Lancsar	(ACT)
Amanda Paterson	(NSW)
Mia Thompson	(QLD)
Denise Benetis	(NSW)
Mischa Rinaldis	(QLD)
Angie Bean	(ACT)
Kristyn Swaffer	(S.A.)
Louise McMurtie	(QLD)
Justine Fisher	(NSW)
Cheryl Salisbury	(NSW)
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Michelle Prouten	(NSW)
Evangelia Boubaris	(N.T.)

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COMMONWEALTH BANK CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS Round 2 — 16th September

U9: Highlands forfeited to Canterbury, Blacktown 2 Bankstown 1, Fields United 3 Clarence River 1, Southern and Eastern 0 Marconi 4.

U10: Canterbury v St George washed out, Blacktown 0 Berrong 3, Kuringai 0 Sutherland 3, Macarthur v Gladesville washed out, Balgownie 1 Granville 0, Southern and Eastern 0 Marconi 4, St Georges Basin 9 Mitchell 0.

U11: Lismore 0 Connells Point 1, Blacktown 0 East Bankstown 2, Kuringai v Newcastle washed out, Campbelltown PY 5 Clarence River 0, Shellharbour 5 pen Granville 4 pen, Southern and Eastern 0 Liverpool Rangers 4, Manly v Mitchell washed out.

U12: Canterbury 2 St George 1, Rooty Hill RSL 3 Bankstown 2, Kuringai v Newcastle washed out, Macarthur v Gladesville washed out, Albion Park 5 pen Granville 3 pen, Southern and District 0 Marconi 2, Shoalhaven 1g 1pen City Redtops 1g 4pen.

U13: Canterbury v St George washed out, CSI 4 Bankstown 2, Kuringai 0 Menai 3, Ingleburn Eagles 6 Clarence River 0, Corral 2 Granville 1, Southwest Slopes 0 Mt Pritchard 6, Manly v Mitchell washed out.

U14: Canterbury v St George washed out, Blacktown 1 Bass Hill 2, Kuringai 1 Sylvania 0, Clarence River forfeited to Bradbury, Illawarra 2 Greystanes 3, Southern and Eastern 0 Liverpool Albion 5, Manly v Mitchell washed out.

U15: Canterbury v St George washed out, Hunter 1 Padstow Park 4, Kuringai 1 Sylvania 7, Macarthur v Gladesville washed out, Corral 4 Granville 0, Southern and Eastern 3 Southern Districts 2, Manly v Mitchell washed out.

U16: Canterbury v St George washed out, Hunter 1 Wagga 0, Kuringai v Macarthur v Gladesville wo, Dubbo 0 Griffith

Abruzzi 5, Southern and Eastern 0 Southern Districts 2, Manly v Mitchell wo.

U17: St Marys BC 5 Bradbury 1, Blacktown 0 Revesby 2, Kuringai v Newcastle wo, Illawarra 1 Granville 4.

U18: Canterbury v St George wo, Blacktown 0 Revesby 2, Kuringai v Newcastle 2 Kareela 1.

U21: Blacktown 1 Panania RSL 4, Kuringai 4 Sutherland 1, Macarthur v Gladesville wo, Granville Kewpies 4 Dubbo 1, Manly v Mitchell wo.

All age: Canterbury v St George wo, Blacktown 0 Revesby 2, Kuringai 0 Engadine Eagles 5, Macarthur v Gladesville wo, Dundas 5 Dubbo 0, Southern and Eastern 1 Liverpool CR 2, Manly v Mitchell wo.

WOMENS STATE CUP

U17: Canterbury v Panania RSL wo, Condell Park A 1 North Sutherland 0, Liverpool Albion 1 Sylvania Hgts 0, Grays Pt 0 Condell Park B 0.

All age: Mitchell A forfeited to Kirrawee, Roselands v Berrong wo, Loftus Rovers 0 St George Oly 3, Wetherill Pk 1 Penrith RSL 0, Mitchell C 2 Sans Souci 0, St George Sail 0 Blacktown AG 4, Cronulla RSL 0 Canterbury Jnr 1, Castle Glen v Blacktown Spurs no result.

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JEE WHIZ

FORMER Blacktown City and Young Socceroo representative **Stephane Jee** has recently signed on as a reserve team player for English club, Southampton.

Originally joining Southampton six weeks ago for a period of training and coaching, the club was obviously impressed with the 19-year-old.

Now as a registered player, Jee has played three out of four of the team's matches this season.

In 1986, Jee had first joined Southampton as a schoolboy signing, playing four months with the club.

He continued his successful career in Australia with NSL team Blacktown City and being selected for Les Scheinflug's Young Socceroos in 1988.

— DAVID SMEDLEY

Spain overcomes Brazil

SPAIN has beaten Brazil in soccer for the first time in 56 years.

Spain won 3-0 in an exhibition match, the first played by the two nations since their disappointing performances in the 1990 World Cup Italy.

Spain played one of its best matches in years and outplayed Brazil in every department at Gijon's El Molinon stadium before a crowd of 22,000.

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home a Lemmy Vatsilas cross, that was missed by the visitors' defence.

Hellas, after a quiet first half, stepped up the tempo, but Raymond Blair, Steve Politis and Nick Stammatelopoulous all missed good chances.

Phil Stubbins had Heidelberg's best chance. He finished a good run with a fierce shot that Tony Pezzano tipped over the bar.

Heidelberg's vaunted attack of Paul Lewis and Stuart Stevenson tried bravely to get into the match, but Paul Carter was immense in the centre of the Hellas defence.

On this showing though both sides would struggle for NSL survival unless they drastically strengthened their sides.

Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup



Epping Boys triumph over Whitebridge

FROM BILL TURNER IN NEWCASTLE

CARRYING the burden of being favourites for much of the year — which had been placed on them by Lindsay Hewison, the Sydney Coordinator — Epping Boys rose to the occasion in the big final against a gallant and brave Whitebridge eleven to win 2-0.

The first half was fairly even with both sides missing opportunities mainly due to some strong defensive play.

Towards the end of the half Epping appeared to be getting stronger.

The titanic struggle that Whitebridge had survived the previous night against Sunnybank appeared to be taking its toll.

This seemed evident in the second stanza as Epping mounted wave after wave against the resolute Whitebridge defenders.



It appeared a number of times that Whitebridge would crack under pressure but it was not to be.

Peter Davison brought off a number of top saves. Troy Williams was stout and repelled the Chris Giometti and Bryan Raeburn raids.

Full time was whistled by Brad Carlin who was



EPPING BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL: Turner Cup squad 1990: Back Row (left to right): Mike Manoukian, Tim Stratford, Darren Hoefsmit, Chris Giometti, Scott Tarrant, Sivanan Selva, Brian Raeburn (Captain), Greg Welch, Mr R. Smith (Coach-Manager). Middle: Daniel Hong, Ryan Adams, Peter Forest, Joel Organ, Darren Lacey. Front: David Burge, Mark Louis, Cameron Webb.

having a super game and the lads soon lined up for extra time.

Whitebridge threw everything into that first ten minutes and on at least three occasions looked like scoring, but Sivanan Selva in goals and his brilliant defenders were equal to be task.

In the second half of extra time Epping appeared to gain renewed strength and took the attack to the northern side.

With everyone talking in terms of a penalty kick decider, the break came with just five minutes to go.

From a scramble in front of the Southern goal Joel Organ almost got a shock to find the ball at his feet.

He did the only thing left to do — stub it towards goal.

It worked and an unsighted Peter Davidson could only look in dismay as the ball crossed the line.

Then with barely a minute to the final whistle Peter Forrest drove

towards goal.

Goalkeeper Davidson positioned himself for the ball and tears almost welled in his eyes as he saw the ball deflect from a defender's boot and beyond his grasp into the net.

The referee blew for full time and the Epping supporters almost buried their heroes into the turf of the Speers Point ground, such was the jubilation.

Despite their loss the Whitebridge boys were not short of well wishers as they grouped together for the presentation.

EPPING BOYS 2 (Joel Organ, Peter Forrest) def WHITEBRIDGE 0. Referee Brad Carlin — Linesmen Paul Badier, Brian Cassel. Macquarie Field, Speers Point.

EPPING BOYS HIGH

1. Darren Hoefsmit
2. Steven Carters
3. Ryan Adams
4. Cameron Webb
5. Mark Louis
6. Chris Giometti
7. Joel Organ
8. Peter Forrest
9. Bryan Raeburn
10. Tim Stratford
11. Darren Lacey
12. Patrick Murray
13. Scott Tarrant
14. Sivanan Selva
15. Greg Welch
16. Daniel Hong

President: John Dixon
Sportsmaster: Glen Gibbons
Manager/Coach: Ron Smith
Shirts: Yellow with Green Trim
Shorts: Green
Socks: Green & Gold

WHITEBRIDGE HIGH

1. Peter Davison
2. Graham Dunnelliff
3. Matthew Wade
4. Brett McKay
5. Troy Williams
6. Scott Ferguson
7. Ben Gardam
8. Paul Hume
9. Craig Conway
10. Marcus Evans
11. Karl Freeman
12. Nicholas Cook
13. Ross McAlister
14. Shaun Ingle
15. Aaron Hunt
16. Todd Johnston
17. Ben Cowling

Principal: David Ranton
Sportsmaster: Bob Dalley
Manager: Grant Harrison
Coach: Phil Freeman
Shirts: White with Green Trim
Shorts: Black Socks: White

LITHGOW HIGH

1. Terry Thompson
2. Greg Ansellark
3. Brendan Coleman
4. Jason Crossara
5. Michael Doalman
6. Peter Jenkins
7. Glenn McGrath
8. Justin Morcom
9. Chris Neville
10. Jason Nunan
11. David Palmer
12. Jai Palmer
13. David Rosevarne
14. Mark Smith
15. Ben Wright
16. Troy Willott

Principal: Al Ritchie
Sportsmaster: J. Dean/J. Waters
Coaches: A. Groth/B. Wright
Shirts: Dark & Light Blue
Shorts: Black
Socks: Dark & Light Blue

SUNNYBANK HIGH, QLD

1. Scott Price
2. David Frank
3. Neal Glasgow
4. Simon Kalaba
5. Paul Wyatt
6. Frank Kovic
7. Fotis Skordu
8. Dominic Powell
9. Anthony Ecmovic
10. Troy Weatherhog
11. Greg Greenwood
12. Derek Totman
13. Luke Dalgliesh
14. Darryl Monaghan
15. Marvin George

Principal: Ray Jackson
Sportsmaster: Darren Jackson
Manager/Coach: David Hume
Asst. Coach: Tony Ecmovic
WPE Master: Bob Savage
Shirts: Green with White Trim
Shorts: Black
Socks: White

SEMI-FINAL

Lithgow ousted

IT took fifteen minutes for Epping to work out the strategy to defeat Lithgow in the first semi-final of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup.

Chris Giometti was the lynch pin that spread the ball to all points of his forward line for the Sydneysiders to run in five goals.

Peaking too early and being overawed by the occasion Lithgow could not match the slick work of the gold shirted favourites.

EPPING BOYS 5 (Greg Welch, Chris Giometti, Bryan Raeburn, Tim Stratford, Scott Tarrant defeated LITHGOW 0. Referee Bob Hamilton Linesmen Andrew Peddie, Adam Berlin.

SEMI-FINAL

Whitebridge sneaks in

WITH just nine seconds to go Whitebridge won their way into the 1990 Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup final when they scored the only goal of the match at Macquarie Field Speers Point against the strong Queensland representatives Sunnybank State High.

Up till that moment both sides had played each other into the ground.

So tense was the match that referee Rod Minter handed out five yellow cards as frustration began to take effect.

But it was a top game that had the fans on the edge of their seats throughout.

With Fotis Skordu from Sunnybank and Troy Williams of Whitebridge leading the charges it looked as if penalties would be required to separate the teams.

As time ebbed away Whitebridge moved the ball to the right and swung it into the penalty area.

With about a dozen players desperate for the ball, it eventually came out to the corner of the area where left fullback Matt Wade had ghosted in.

He took control of the ball and with a width of about thirty inches to shoot at, sent a direct shot inside the goal post and Whitebridge were into the final.

WHITEBRIDGE 1 (Matt Wade) defeated SUNNYBANK (Qld) 0. Referee Rod Minter. Linesmen Adam Berlin, Andrew Peddie.

Queensland grab third spot

SOUTH Brisbane's Sunnybank State High took out third place in the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup when they overwhelmed Lithgow 4-0 in a bright, open match.

The brilliance of young Fotis Skordu, who finished a close second to Epping's Chris Giometti in the Star Player Award, was the dominant player on the park and instituted numerous raids on the Lithgow goals.

With Anthony Ecmovic, Greg Weatherhog and Simon Kalaba on fire there was no stopping the Queenslanders.

On the results of the four matches played Sunnybank deserved their position and they could certainly be the forerunners of future

Queensland assaults on the Bill Turner Cup.

When one considers that Sunnybank won two games by penalties and three by the odd goal the indications suggest strong challengers will be the order of the day in the future.

For Lithgow it was evident that they peaked too early.

While great wins over Broken Hill, Christian Bros, Lewisham and Albury North were spectacular they could not maintain the momentum for the final series.

However, fourth place should certainly be a pleasing result for the Westerners.

SUNNYBANK STATE HIGH, QUEENSLAND 4 (Greg Greenwood) 2, Anthony Ecmovic, Ben Wright o/g defeated Lithgow High, Western NSW 0. Referee Jason West.

Echoes from the past

MEMORIES of those great days during the 'sixties and 'seventies came flooding back at Macquarie Soccer Field, Speers Point on Wednesday night September 5 during the playing of the Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup final.

1089 spectators were on hand to witness a magnificent night of football as the favourites Epping Boys defeated Whitebridge 2-0 in extra time to win the coveted trophy.

There were over 150 cars and Mini buses lined up on two layers around the ground and many more outside.

For those who have followed school soccer in the Newcastle area, references such as "It's like your old Tasman Cup days" "Boy, does this bring back the memories", were the order of the night.

And how right they were.

Cheer Squads — Honour Guards — A multiplicity of noise making instruments — coloured banners — streamers and pom poms — brightly worn clothes and the inevitable school war cries were all part of the fantastic final scene.

Whitebridge appeared to come up with the classic of the night, when, included in their war cry was a reference to their local, highly patronised cake shop.

It would be accurate to state that the Whitebridge Cake Shop received more publicity than the sponsors or suppliers thanks to the generosity of the student supporters.

The brand new black on white Commonwealth Bank Bill Turner Cup banner was a real eye opener and was used as a backdrop for the presentations.

Unlike in the past, the losers were first to climb

the steps to receive their medals and shirts.

Assistant General Manager, Northern NSW for the Commonwealth Bank Earl Rennie and Gary Screen, General Manager for the Northern NSW Soccer Federation presented the awards.

Each of the players received roars of approval from the Whitebridge supporters.

Next to arrive were the referees and linesmen who had officiated during the evening and they were justifiably well received for jobs well done.

David Hearne of Telecom Australia the Customer Service Manager for Hunter, North Coast made the presentations.

Then up came the jubilant Epping side to accept the rewards of their labours led by their skipper Bryan Raeburn.

The Northern NSW executive manager for the Commonwealth Bank, Richard Watson presented the cup to Bryan and the expected roar from the supporters filled the ground.

Mr Watson and Bryan were besieged by flashes from camera persons, official and unofficial.

Then followed the medal and shirt presentation from Mr Watson and Mr David Williams, the president of the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

After calling for quiet, Bill Turner stepped forward to announce that Epping's Chris Giometti was the winner of the Commonwealth Bank Star Player Award.

That put the icing on the cake for Epping Boys High except for some Streets Ice Cream Desserts that awaited them — and Whitebridge — in the dressing rooms below.

INTERCITY CHALLENGE WOLLONGONG 1 (o/g) defeated ST PAUL'S BOORAGUL 0. Referee: Dwayne Brown. Linesman: David Mason, Paul Badier.

The pick of the Readers' Letter

IT is good to see that our quality soccer paper (Australian Soccer Weekly, of course!) giving both interesting views on the current paths of Australian soccer.

Both Mr Cattermole and the editor held good points.

However, I believe that we have got to all start thinking that soccer has its positive points and that we should concentrate on those points.

What I find most appealing about soccer football is not only is it truer to its name but of the commonality that we all share around the globe.

Soccer is not a game of special interests reserved for a particular culture.

It is a very popular game when examined

here in Australia and abroad.

Perhaps our strongest point is just that our commonality, shared values and sheer stature on the world can work for us.

We can use the Olympic Games, World Cup, regional and local events to bolster our game.

Many sports claim to be "worldwide" but with 166 member countries we can't go wrong.

Above all we should feel confident in what we do.

There is no reason why an "ethnic" and an "Australian" cannot share the same values as much of the terminology we use is self imposed.

I am sure our situation can only improve.

Peter Mancini, Preston, Victoria

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The Robert Wheatley column



Move towards new professionalism vital to game

WHILE soccer definitely has a long list of potential players to become rightful "Stars of the 90s", as witnessed by the never-ending stream of young talent to all parts of the globe, it would seem just as relevant to concentrate on the needs of the 90s in an attempt to set the game on a steady foundation.

When mentioning how crucial an objective this is, I am referring to the situation from a player's viewpoint.

Too many examples are taking place that underline the importance of firm guidelines for the commitments today's player should make to the game.

Some NSL clubs have seen the need for contracted players to have a developmental arm attached to their current playing terms.

This is an encouraging aspect and allows the relocation of someone, for example moving from Melbourne to Sydney, to earn a very attractive wage purely from soccer and its associated activities (eg. school visits, shopping centre promotions, club presentations).

It also leaves the door open for extra training, and most importantly the players' availability for the numerous areas of representative soccer that will be taking place over the next three years, with a green light.

The youth team, under 23 Olympic squad and senior Soccer teams still contain enormous potential in soccer's credibility stakes.

The need for success on and off the field in the role we have to play as hosts of the 1993 World Youth Championships seem integral to evaluating how far soccer has progressed since the 1981 tournament was played here.

If it still seems

something like an impossible dream for full-time professionalism to take hold of Australian soccer, then surely the clubs' attempts at offering a full-time commitment to soccer is to be congratulated.

That will, with further refinement and resources, lead to a situation where elite players are not forced to leave jobs or take part-time work to make financial ends meet.

The disappointing encounter between the Socceroos and the Koreans added considerable weight to the theory that part-timers will always face a severe uphill battle in contests against well prepared and match fit opposition.

The Paul Wade reaction typifies the frustration of a true professional who was upset at the hopelessness of that particular two-match series.

The other side of the coin was revealed by players when they came to the defence of the Socceroos, and suggested that at this early stage the results should not be taken too seriously and that we have a long way to go.

The more time a player has to devote to his game, by being employed on a full-time basis with their club, is the first progressive step in achieving a better prepared team to wear the green and gold.

Super boys

THE NSW Soccer Federation conducts a junior Super League competition for Under 13s, 14s, 15s and 17s.

BHP Australs have teams in all-age groups, while this year hasn't been the most successful for winning finals, the club policy of entering teams in the competition is producing results of another kind.

BHP Austral State League under 19s are contenders for the semi-finals and could take the competition. In that squad are four Super League players from 1988/89.

Paul Blackall, selected to tour North America with the Australian schools, Troy Halpin, the club's leading scorer this year, has represented the NSW combined high schools in Melbourne recently.

Also in the squad are Shane Oberaker and Danny Burt.

Coach Peter Dewhurst invited some of this year's Super League boys to train with the youth team during the last few weeks.

Troy Brown and Scott Aspinall, both U/15s, will play with 1991 youth squad.

Luke Morris from Port Macquarie made the long trip to Austral Park on request to trial with the club.

Port Macquarie have already supplied an outstanding player in Dean McWhirter.

Epping YMCA Indoor

EPPING YMCA has received an all time record number of teams into its competitions.

The centre kicked off its new season on Sunday September 9 with three all age competitions.

The three divisions totalling 36 teams will be competing weekly up until Christmas.

While all the regular clubs have returned, the surprise has been a large increase in the number of new teams registering.

All age games start at 2pm with the last kicking off at 10pm.

In other competitions, under 11, 12 and 13 play Tuesdays with the under 14 and 15 playing on Thursdays.

For any information, contact should be made with Jeff Felstead, at the centre on 869 8024 or 868 2957.

— BOB GENNER

New South Wales under 14s in Tasmania

FROM VINCE BALZAN

IT was definitely a case of psychological warfare when Greg Ankudinoff's NSW under 14 side faced up to Tony Dunkerley's Victorians last Monday.

The match was a classic, but it ended up scoreless.

It was hard and fast throughout, both teams gave everything they had as chances fell for both teams but both goalkeepers intended to keep their slates clean.

Both coaches agreed afterwards that, although the match was not full of skilled play, it was a thriller from start to finish.

On Tuesday the Tasmanians defended in depth with 10 men and NSW players who broke through were quickly decked.

The NSW 7-0 win saw goals from A. Seniuk (2), J. Angelucci, R. Plesa, J. Nikas, L. Mauceri and L. Trejevski.

v SA 2-1

NSW started very slowly, letting South Australia dictate the play.

Brian Launders the SA central midfielder directed play well and showed that he is a player for the future.

Again the NSW players failed to finish easy chances. Five minutes before half-time, Richard Plesa, who has been having a good tournament, played a ball back to Flavio

Novaro the goalkeeper.

The ball was not struck hard enough, Flavio hesitated momentarily to allow an SA striker to nip in and slot the ball home.

The NSW boys showed their true character, they continued to push the ball around and penetrated the strong SA defence time and time again.

It was not long before NSW scored the equaliser, a long throw in by John Angelucci was flicked on by Klute Smith, the SA defence did not clear the ball and Jim Nikas was on the spot to punish them.

The second goal was a gem, Andrew Seniuk dribbled past three defenders and hit a hard low shot just inside the right upright from 20 metres.

SA pushed forward to try to score the equaliser but could not beat a determined NSW team.

v WA 1-0

In Laurie Carbone and Rowan Crowley Western Australia have two of the most talented players in this age group. They both play for Perth Italia.

NSW were running with a strong win in the first half, but the players obviously were not listening to the coach's instructions because instead of shooting at every opportunity they carried the ball time and time again.

NSW did manage to score a scrappy goal.

The ball was floated into the six yard box, the goalkeeper failed to hold and Jim Nikas was on the spot to get a foot to the ball and score.

In the second half NSW knew they had to put extra effort in if they were to win this match.

This they did, they controlled play better and deserved their win in the end.

v Qld 3-0

NSW downed Queensland 3-0 on Friday.

The win saw the light blues two points ahead of the Maroons, with South Australia and Western Australia another point behind.

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NSW 10pts; Victoria, Sth Australia, West Australia 7; ACT 5; Northern Territory 0.

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Trip to Kempsey Champion of Champions

SOUTHERN Districts teams travelled to Kemp St Complex, Kempsey, for the first round of the Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions for 1990.

All four teams successfully contested their matches against the teams from Macleay Valley.

Representing Southern Districts were:

U/10 Marconi Juniors defeated the local champions, West Kempsey 4-0.

Undefeated in their district competition this season, West Kempsey, with a strong team, including seven rep players, started confidently matching the forceful play of the visiting team man for man.

The match honours were evenly divided until Marconi took a commanding lead early in the second half with the 2nd of their well worked goals.

The match slipped away from Kempsey in the later stages allowing Marconi to come away with a 4-0 win.

U/11 Liverpool Rangers also played West Kempsey who were undefeated in their district also.



Overshadowing his Macleay Valley opponent is the under 13 No 12 from Mt Pritchard, whilst the Macleay Valley goalie remains alert. — Photo by Ron Hughes.



The Marconi under 10 laddie (right) lofts the ball away from his Kempsey West opponent in this NSW Champion of Champions match at Kempsey. — Photo by Ron Hughes.

The well drilled style of the Rangers squad showed early scoring within the first 90 seconds of play.

Stung by the Rangers quick goal Kempsey fought

hard to regain their balance but could find no answer to the onslaught by the strong Liverpool side.

Kempsey did not give up and could not stop the

scoring of the Liverpool Rangers squad, going down 8-0. With Nathan Thomas scoring five goals and Andrew Daniele three.

U/13 Mt Pritchard, undefeated premiers and minor premiers, continued their successes of 1990 defeating the local Macleay Valley side 6-0 in their first round match.

Mounties showed their strengths early in the match, and came home stronger in the second half for a 6-0 win.

All Age Liverpool City Robins played to a devastating 9-0 victory over Kempsey Falcons.

Robins had no trouble in overcoming their opposition, applying pressure from the first whistle with countless raids on the Falcons goal, to lead 3-0 at half time.

After losing their goalkeeper, taken from the field injury, Kempsey Falcons were hard pressed to keep Robins away from their goal, conceding a further six goals to the relentless Liverpool City Robins team.

Team officials from Southern Districts praised the organisation by Macleay Valley and the video by their team of workers headed by president, Kay Clarke.

— Ron Hughes

UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE AND MITRE REPS



U/13 UMBRO YOUTH LEAGUE BLACKTOWN CITY: Adrian Maher, Adam Horton, Hayden Foxe, Gavin Backhouse, Kevin Lester, Glen Martin, David Harding, Malcolm Meilak, Scott Bramley, Nathan Byrne, Phillip Crawford, Kyle Cooper, Bradley Sinclair, Mark Racker, James Mallia, Marcus Bohman. Coach: Tam Finlayson. Manager: John Haggard. Trainer: Janine Mar. Pic: H. Carrasco.



The winning St George under 14 captain with the Cup.



U/12 MITRE REPS CANTERBURY: Steven Bakopoulos, Lucas Watkins, Daniel Cook, Peter Soros, Daniele Testore, Tom Maric, Danny Orlando, Adriane Locanto, Jay Anderson, Ali Arabi, Robert Hawley, Kris Yeo, Zack Sotiropoulos, Jerry Barros, G/K Robert De Vita. Coach: Michael Tzavellas. Manager: Ross Jackson. **GLADESVILLE/HORNSBY:** David Morgans, Steven Walton, Robert Bagala, Ian Anderson, Michael Kiproviski, Stuart Latham Brent Kelly, Richard Luksic, Chris Hanlon, Danny Kiproviski, Adam Peatey, Nathan Bradley, Gordon Alhodlic, Kuzma Zanatic, G/K Greg Frend. Coach: Frank Rossettin. Manager: John Kiproviski. Pic: H. Carrasco.



Canterbury's under 12 captain hold his winning trophy aloft.



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Sydney Olympic's under 15 captain Jose Mendez accepts the trophy on behalf of his team.



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Ecuadoran club in Libertadores final

with MARIO ETCHART

ECUADOR'S Barcelona overcame Argentina's River Plate in a penalty shoot-out 4-3 to qualify for the final of the Libertadores Cup.

Barcelona becomes the first club from Ecuador to reach the final of South America's premier competition and will play the winner of the semi-final between Colombia's Atletico Nacional and Olimpia of Paraguay.

Barcelona achieved their historic qualification at their home stadium in Guayaquil.

The regulation time ended 1-0 for the Ecuadorans, with Uruguayan striker Alberto Acosta netting the all-important goal which wiped out the Argentines' 1-0 win in the first leg in the 23rd minute with a well-executed penalty kick.

Barcelona dominated most of a physical first half repeatedly interrupted by clashes

between players.

Violent incidents became so heated that police had to intervene midway through the first half, prompting River officials to ask that the game be re-played.

The visitors controlled the second half but brilliant Barcelona goalkeeper Morales proved an unpassable barrier.

The final minutes of extra-time saw some dramatic play.

Both striker Ramon Medina Bello of River Plate and Barcelona defender Jimmy Montanero were sent off for rough play.

River Plate coach Daniel Passarella was also sent off by Peruvian referee Carlos Montalban.

It was the first serious setback for Passarella since he became coach of Argentine champions River midway through the last season, replacing

Reinaldo Merlo.

In the penalty shoot-out, Jimmy Izquierdo, David Bravo, Wilson Macias and Mario Sarelegui scored for Barcelona.

Sergio Berti, Juan Jose Borrelli and Gustavo Zapata converted for River but Jose Serizuela and Ruben Da Silva missed their spotkicks.

It was a night of big celebrations for the 59,000 fans who witnessed a magical and historical moment for Ecuadorian football.

Meanwhile, in Chile, at Santiago's Santa Laura Stadium, Libertadores Cup holders Atletico Nacional defeated Brazil's Vasco da Gama to advance to the semi-final against Olimpia of Paraguay.

Colombian striker Niver Arboleda connected with a header from a corner served by Ruben Hernandez in the 20th minute to score the only goal of the match.

This was a replay of the game Nacional had won 2-0 in Medellin two weeks earlier.

The South American Football Confederation ordered the game to be replayed on a neutral ground because of alleged death threats to the Uruguayan referee Juan Daniel Cardellino.

The Colombians dominated the encounter against a Brazilian team unable to break Nacional's well marshalled defence.

Vasco da Gama, under the guidance of new coach Mario Zagalo, had only one clear chance — in the second minute, when Nacional goalkeeper Rene Higuita saved a shot from Anderson.

Atletico Nacional will play its home semi-final leg against Olimpia at Quito's Nacional Stadium in Ecuador.

The semi-final is a repeat of last year's Libertadores final, won by Nacional.



Striker Hristo Stoichkov, Barcelona's lone signing this season. The CSKA Sofia star was the leading scorer in Bulgaria last season.

Two jobs for Beckenbauer!



FRANZ BECKENBAUER

FRANZ Beckenbauer, who retired from international soccer after leading West Germany to the World Cup in July, has signed a two-year contract as technical

director with French league champions Marseille.

Holger Osieck, assistant trainer to Beckenbauer in Italy, has also joined Marseille.

No details of what Osieck would do were announced but team coach Gerard Gili will remain in his post.

Beckenbauer has also agreed in principle to help develop the US national soccer team, US Soccer Federation president Alan Rothenberg announced.

Rothenberg said in a statement issued that he reached the agreement with Beckenbauer during a visit to Europe for talks with FIFA officials.

"We have an understanding that he will consult with us while he is with Marseille," Rothenberg said in a statement.

"This would include helping set up our national team programme and making a number of visits to the United States. Thereafter, he will have a substantially more full-time role with the USSF."

MARADONA TO COACH

DIEGO Maradona, who has already announced he would not be competing in the 1994 World Cup as a player may still participate — as a coach.

Maradona told Italian journalists he was keen to turn to coaching when he hangs up his boots.

Maradona's contract with Napoli terminates in 1993, but chances are he will be released earlier, perhaps as soon as the end of the current Italian season.

Maradona is not keen to play again when he leaves Napoli and is interested in becoming a coach as soon as possible.

He points to Franz Beckenbauer and to Michel Platini as superstars who took over the West German and French national teams without prior experience at club level.

Maradona would be more than happy to coach Argentina in their 1994 qualifying campaign.

However, former national team captain and 1978 World Cup winner Daniel Passarella is freely tipped to succeed Carlos Bilardo and Passarella would have to flop in the next two years for Maradona to have any chance of leading Argentina in the foreseeable future.

— LOU GAUTIER

HUGE EURO-92 UPSET

THE Faroe Islands caused a huge upset by beating Austria 1-0 in their Euro-92 Group 4 qualifier in Landskrona, Sweden, last Wednesday.

The Faroes, a group of Danish Islands in the northern Atlantic Ocean between Iceland and the Shetland Islands with a population of 46,000, were admitted to UEFA only last year and only have 3,500 players.

In another mild upset, Finland held Portugal to a 0-0 draw in their Group 6 qualifier in Helsinki and Switzerland emphatically defeated Bulgaria 2-0 in Geneva in their Group 2 game.

Last week's Euro-92 qualifying results:

- Scotland 2 (Robertson, McCoist) Romania 1 (Caataru) in Glasgow.
- USSR 2 (Kanchelskis, Kutnetsov) Norway 0 in Moscow.
- Yugoslavia 2 (Pancev, Prosinecki) Northern Ireland 0 in Belfast.
- Switzerland 2 (Hottiger, Bickel) Bulgaria 0 in Geneva.
- Faroe Islands 1

(Nielsen) Austria 0 in Landskrona.

• Finland 0 Portugal 0 in Helsinki.

In friendly internationals last Wednesday, England 1 Hungary 0, Ireland 1 Morocco 0, Belgium 0 East Germany 2, Spain 3 Brazil 0.

— LOU GAUTIER

BUTCHER CARPETED

GLASGOW Rangers captain Terry Butcher has been ordered by the Scottish Football Association to explain a newspaper article in which he admitted head-butting a Tunisian player during an England friendly in June.

The 31-year-old former England centre-back made his confession in a Sunday tabloid last month at the same time as he announced his retirement from international football.



Frank Rijkaard to quit Dutch team!

AC Milan superstar Frank Rijkaard stunned the Dutch soccer fraternity by announcing he was quitting the national team.



Argentine referee Juan Loustau redcards Frank Rijkaard and Rudi Voller in the infamous "spitting incident" at Italia '90. Rijkaard, suspended for three games, has announced he won't play for Holland any more.

The 27-year-old Rijkaard, who has played 44 times for Holland, is serving a three-match suspension for being sent off after spitting at Rudi Voller during the second phase World Cup match in Milan at Italia '90.

Rijkaard, however, claims this incident had nothing to do with his shock decision to retire from international football.

The classy defender claims he is no longer motivated to play for Holland.

Rijkaard, who announced his decision on Dutch television, also said, rather cryptically, that he "cherished his friendship with Ruud Gullit too much to jeopardise it ..."

However, he did not elaborate, adding fuel

to speculation that the two players had differing views during the World Cup when there

was turmoil in Dutch ranks over the tactics of coach Leo Beenhakker.



We won't be seeing Frank Rijkaard again in the Dutch shirt — if he does not change his mind, that is.



Brazilian goalkeeper Taffarel shows where his allegiance is as he waves the Parma banner. His first league match for the Italian club resulted in a 2-1 home loss against Juventus.

Gascoigne told to concentrate

ENGLAND World Cup star Paul Gascoigne has been ordered to concentrate on playing football after a hectic series of personal appearances led to him losing his touch on the field.



PAUL GASCOIGNE (centre) — scored a brilliant hat-trick against Derby County after being told to "concentrate" on his football.

Tottenham have told the gifted 23-year-old midfielder to cut down on his lucrative off-the-field activities following his complaint of feeling tired.

Gascoigne's advisers — solicitor Mel Stein and accountant Len Lazarus — have backed Spurs in a bid to prevent their client suffering an early burn-out.

"We're going to cut down Paul's appearances to an absolute minimum," promised Stein who has cancelled six deals for the next two weeks and will not be accepting any more.

"An unscrupulous agent would have had Paul working 25 hours a day and making an absolute fortune, but we've tried to be fairly restrictive on the commercial front and have accepted only about one per cent of the offers. From now on that will be less than half a per cent."

Gascoigne's popularity has exploded out of all proportion since his brilliant displays for England in Italy.

"All the hype following the World Cup has been mind-blowing," he said. "I'm becoming frightened of the consequences and where it is all going to end."

"I'm absolutely shattered. I've never felt so drained as when I reported for the game at Arsenal."

"It was sheer exhaustion, more mental than physical."

"The problem is I haven't been sleeping."

Turkish delights

FORMER England and Liverpool wing-half Gordon Milne is having financial problems with Besiktas, the reigning champions of Turkey.

Renewing contracts for the playing staff cost the club so much that they have been unable to sign any newcomers for 1990-91, and they kicked off with their former squad still intact.

New manager Džkan Sumer, back with Trabzonspor 15 years after first joining them, has signed nine newcomers, including Unal from Malatyaspor and three Yugoslavs — Petronovic, Ivanovic and Cukic.

Guus Hiddink has reorganised Fenerbahce and now has a huge squad of 30 players.



GORDON MILNE

His nine newcomers include defender Suphi from Bursaspor and libero Gokhan from Ankara Guc.

Foreigners again dominate the Swiss championship.

Another 17 imports have been engaged by the 12 First Division clubs, making a total of 48 from 24 countries.

In the two top divisions there are 21 South Americans alone!

Most of the imports are no better than the Swiss, but the clubs obviously think that foreign names draw more spectators — a risky and costly calculation.

In time the number of foreigners should be reduced, because the clubs have been advised to follow SFV instructions that no more than five players without a Swiss passport can be fielded.

Lausanne, the surprise runners-up last season, were the last to complete their foreign contingent.

Voted Manager of the Year, Umberto Barberis signed the Czechoslovak Milan Fryda to close the gap in midfield caused by the departures of former international Georges Bregy and Reto Gertschen.

Xamax, now under Roy Hodgson, the first-English manager in Switzerland in the modern era, have released Polish international Ryszard Tarasiewicz, who has signed for AS Nancy.

But Xamax signed five new players, including former star international and Footballer of the Year Andy Egli from Grasshoppers, striker Christophe Bonvin, and Egyptian Tarek Soliman.

Servette, now under Gilbert Gress, who left Xamax and replaced Dutchman Ruud Krol, have transferred striker Philippe Fargeon back to Bordeaux.

Lugano have signed Brazilian international sweeper Mauro Galvao from Botafogo.

European Cups kick off

BY LOU GAUTIER

THE European season starts in earnest this week with the kick-off of the three club competitions — the Champions' Cup, the Cup-Winners' Cup and the UEFA Cup.

Italy should again win the lion's share of honours and will be going for another clean sweep after the 1989/90 grand slam by AC Milan, Sampdoria and Juventus.

Diego Maradona says he has one ambition left before he retires as a player — to win this season's Champions' Cup with Napoli.

Two seasons ago, Napoli were knocked out in the first round by Real Madrid, but this time the fates have been kinder as they meet Ujpest of Hungary and should qualify for the next round.

Holders AC Milan have a bye, and all the other fancied teams should also proceed to the next round as Bayern Munich are opposed to Apoel of Cyprus, Marseille to Albanian opponents, Porto to Portadown of Northern Ireland and Real Madrid to Denmark's Odense.

Frank Farina's Club Brugge will meet Lillestrom, of Norway, in the first leg, away from home.

Another Aussie, Chris Kalantzis is away in Poland, to Lech Poznan, with Panthinaikos.

In the Cup-Winners' Cup, Eddie Krncevic's FC Liege have also drawn Norwegian opponents, Viking, away in this week's first leg.

Holders Sampdoria have a tough first-up



Sampdoria's Italian international Roberto Mancini. His club, the European Cup-Winners' Cup holders, are up against Kaiserslautern of West Germany in the first round this week.

assignment as they are away to West Germany's Kaiserslautern on Wednesday in the best pairing of the opening round.

The other favourites — Barcelona, Dynamo Kiev, PSV Eindhoven and Juventus — have much easier tasks against lowly rated rivals, and Manchester United, marking the

return of English clubs to Europe after a five-year absence, are home to Pecs Munkas, of Hungary.

The UEFA Cup, with 64 clubs competing, has thrown up some fascinating first round clashes that include Aston Villa v Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia), Bayer Leverkusen-FC

Twente, an East v West German Borussia Dortmund v Chemnitz, Rapid Vienna-Inter Milan, Roda (with Graham Arnold and Gary van Egmond)-Monaco, Roma-Benfica, Sporting Lisbon-Mechelen and Torpedo Moscow-Goteborg.

Inter are favoured to win the UEFA Cup.

The draw for Tuesday and Wednesday's Round 1 first leg games:

Champions Cup

Akureyi v CSCA Sofia
Bayern Munich v Apoel (Cyp)
Dinamo Bucharest v St Patricks
Lech Poznan v Panathinaikos
Lillestrom (Nor) v FC Brugge (Bel)
Malmö v Besiktas (Tur)
Marseille v Dinamo Tirana
Porto v Portadown (NI)
Rangers v Valletta
Real Madrid v Odense (Den)
Red Star (Yug) v Grasshopper (Swz)
Sparta Praha v Ujpest Dozsa (Hun)
Tirol v Kuusysi Lahti (Fin)
Union Luxembourg v Dynamo Dresden

Cup-Winners' Cup

Trabzonspor v Barcelona
Estrela do Amadora (Por) v Neuchatel Xamax (Swz)
Famagusta (Cyprus) v Aberdeen
Fram Reykjavik v Djurgarden
Glentoran v Steaua Bucharest
Kaiserslautern v Sampdoria (holders)
Kiev Dynamo v Kuopio (Fin)
Legia Warsaw v Swift Hesperange (Lux)
Manchester United v Pecs Munkas

Montpellier (Fr) v PSV Eindhoven
Olympiakos (Gr) v Flamurtari (Alb)
Schwerin (EG) v FK Austria
Sliema W (Mal) v Dukla Prague
Sliven (Bul) v Juventus
Viking (Norway) v FC Liege
Wrexham (Wal) v Lyngby (Den)

UEFA Cup

Anderlecht v Petrolul Ploiesti
Antwerp v Ferencvaros
Aston Villa v Banik Ostrava
Atalanta v Dinamo Zagreb
Avenir Beggen (Lux) v Inter Bratislava (Cz)
Bayer Leverkusen v Twente Enschede
Borussia Dortmund v Chemnitz
Broendby (Den) v Eintracht Frankfurt
Chernomorets Odessa v Rosenberg Trondheim
Dnepr v Hearts
Dundee Utd v Rafnerrjardar (Ice)
Fenerbahce v Vitoria Guimaraes
GKS Katowice (Pol) v TPs (Fin)
Glenavon (NI) v Bordeaux
Hibernian (Mal) v Partizan (Yug)
Iraklis Salonika v Valencia
Lausanne v Real Sociedad
Magdeburg v RoPs (Fin)
MTK/VM (Hun) v Luzern
Norrkoping v Koln
Partizani Tirana v Universitatea Craiova
Politecnica Timisoara v Atletico Madrid
Rapid Vienna v Inter Milan
Roda Kerkrade v Monaco
Roma v Benfica
Seville v PAOK Salonika
Slavia Sofia v Omonia (Cyp)
Sporting Lisbon v Mechelen
Torpedo Moscow v Goteborg
Vejle (Den) v Admira Wacker
Vitesse Arnhem v Derry City
Zagłębie Lubin v Bologna



Real Madrid striker Hugo Sanchez — can he beat his record tally of 38 goals this season?

FLECK STAYS

UNSETTLED Norwich striker Robert Fleck has settled his differences with the English First Division club.

A rift had developed between the 25-year-old Scottish international and Norwich manager Dave Stringer after Fleck made public his intentions to leave the club.

But following a meeting with his forward, Stringer insisted: "There's no tension between us. We had a chat and I told him I wasn't pleased with some of the comments he made."

"He's got three years left on his contract and I fully expect him to act as a professional and play for the football club that he's signed for."

BOTAFOGO CONFIRMED

THE Brazilian Supreme Court has ruled that Botafogo are the champions of the Rio competition.

Vasco de Gama, beaten 1-0 in the final, were also claiming victory under some typically complicated Brazilian regulations, but the court voted 7 to 1 to confirm Botafogo's title.

ISRAELI star Ronnie Rosenthal has been banned from international football for two years by the Israeli Federation.

He has also been fined \$12,000 for refusing to play against the Soviet Union in a friendly pre-World Cup international — an absence that caused a mini-riot amongst the disappointed Tel Aviv crowd.

Rosenthal, and Eli Ohana, refused to play because they claimed they were not adequately insured.



The Israelis wanted to ban Rosenthal also from playing for Liverpool if the fine was not paid.

But the English FA won't ban him, saying he was a Standard Liege player then, therefore out of their jurisdiction.

Rosenthal's hefty fine

- The Bayern Munich players have been promised a bonus of \$60,000 each if they win the European Champions' Cup. But that's not all: if they beat AC Milan in the final their bonuses will be doubled.
- John Barnes has confirmed this is his last season with Liverpool. The English international is said to have given his word he will sign for Italian club Genoa in 1991/92.
- FC Koln are still interested in signing English international Mark Wright next season. They have offered Derby County \$2.6 million for his services.
- Czechoslovakian Milan Nemec and Pole Zbigniew Fabinski have joined Hungarian goalkeeper Peter Disztl at East German club Rot Weiss Erfurt. This is the last season of the Oberliga. In 1991/92 there will be a single German First Division as the two German federations will merge on November 1.
- Tita, the Brazilian international who played for Vasco de Gama, Bayer Leverkusen and Pescara, has joined Mexican club UNAM.
- Since gaining promotion to the Italian First Division and signing overseas stars George Grun of Belgium, Taffarel from Brazil and young Swedish striker Thomas Brolin, Parma have beaten their record for ticket season holders. The small town of 85,000 inhabitants started the competition on September 12 with no less than 38,400 season ticket holders.
- Sacked Swedish national team coach Olle Nordin is now coaching Norwegian First Division team Varlerengen Oslo.
- Jozef Jarabinski, a member of last season's Czechoslovakian championship-winning club Sparta Prague, has joined Gencerbiriligi, of Istanbul, Turkey.
- Ashanti Kotoko have won the Ghanaian Cup. They beat Hearts of Oak in the final, 6-5 on penalties.
- Cremonese have decided to retain Argentinian striker Gustavo Dezotti despite their drop to the Second Division. Dezotti was the player who replaced the suspended Claudio Caniggia in the World Cup final where he was sent off.
- French international Stephane Paille became the first French player to move to Portugal when he joined Porto. Paille scored in his First Division debut. He played for Montpellier last season.
- Carlos Alberto, captain of Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning team and a player of the New York Cosmos in the late 70s and early 80s, is likely to be on the US national team's 1994 World Cup technical staff.
- Bayern Munich's West German defender Hans Pflugler is not longer available for the national team. The 30-year-old has 11 caps to his credit.
- Rene Higuita has won a house worth \$70,000 for being chosen Colombia's best player at Italia '90. Higuita, incidentally, is likely to join Valladolid of Spain.
- Romanian international striker Rodion Camataru has renewed his contract with Belgium's Charleroi for one more season.
- Algerian superstar Rabah Madjer will stay with Porto for another season. A proposed transfer to Spain's Malaga has fallen through.
- Dr Tony O'Neill has resigned as secretary-general of the Irish Federation.
- A poll of Irish sports writers voted Paul McGrath as Ireland's best player in the World Cup.
- Brazilian libero Andre Cruz is to have trials with Anderlecht of Belgium.
- Standard Liege, of Belgium, have signed Yugoslav international Zoran Vulic.
- Rumour has it that former Italian national team supremo Enzo Bearzot may soon become president of Second Division Udinese.
- Rio club Flamengo have exchanged fullback Leonardo and striker Alcindo for Sao Paulo's Brazilian internationals Nelsinho and Bobo.
- Chilean international Francisco Ugarte has been transferred from Belgium's Charleroi to Greek side Ioannina.
- Barcelona coach Johan Cruyff has announced that any of his players who speak to the press without his authorisation will be fined \$2,500 this coming season.
- Cameroun's veteran World Cup goalkeeper Thomas Nkono has been let go by his Spanish club Espanol, of Barcelona.
- Costa Rica's brilliant World Cup forward Hernan Medford has signed with Dinamo Zagreb but West Germany's Schalke 04 consider they have first claim on him.
- The Polish Federation has scrapped its unique format that gave a bonus point to teams that scored three-goal wins.
- Brazilian international defender Aloisio has been transferred from Barcelona to Porto to replace Belgian international Stephane Demol, who has moved to French club Toulouse.